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Israel seeks revenge for 22 deaths

Iran blamed for suicide bomb attack

FROM BEN LYNFIELD IN TEL AVIV, AND MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

A SUSPECTED Muslim suicide bomber blew up a bus in the centre of Tel Aviv yesterday, killing 22 people and wounding at least 45 in the most lethal terrorist attack in Israel for 16 years.

Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, used mosque loudspeakers in the Gaza Strip to claim responsibility for the blast and threatened further attacks.

Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, who cut short his visit to Britain to return home, laid the blame for the bombing on Iran. The government ordered a military closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, barring Palestinian day labourers from entering Israel.

Israeli leaders threatened retaliation against Muslim hardliners for what appeared to be the biggest challenge yet to Mr Rabin since he was elected two years ago on a platform of boosting the personal security of Israelis, while forging peace agreements with Arab neighbours.

Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister, told Israeli legislators: "The government will do all that it can to reach those who carried out this deed, those who sent them, and those who are responsible. Without any hesitation, we will use all of the might and capablity at our disposal to carry this out."

Lieutenant-General Ehud Barak, the army chief of staff, said he thought a suicide bomber was behind the blast. "It's my impression we are speaking of a man committing suicide. I assume from Hamas, who arrived with a device in some sort of form, in a case, or on his body," he told Israel Radio.



Moshe Shachal, the Police Minister, said that Israel would hit back at Hamas "with appropriate action". He said: "After such an attack there is a need to escalate the struggle against terrorists."

Within minutes of hearing of the atrocity, Mr Rabin said that Iran was carrying the banner for a new wave of terror, quite different from that once employed by the Palestine Liberation Organisation. This allied extreme nationalism to religious fanaticism. "I call it Khomeini-ism without Khomeini," he said.

Hamas, like many other Muslim terrorist groups, looks to Tehran for inspiration. According to some sources, it takes arms and money from Iran.

Mr Rabin said such terrorism was difficult to counter while Israel allowed free entry to Palestinians from the occupied territories. He also said that such terrorism was endemic to the Middle East, and was "part of the habits of the peoples and countries there", citing Sudan, Algeria and Egypt as countries afflicted.

John Major, the Prime Minister, spoke to Mr Rabin yesterday to express his sorrow. "It was a despicable and cowardly act," he said. "I very much welcome what has happened in the Middle East in the moves towards peace and this must not be permitted to stop it."

Dr Jonathan Sacks, the Chief Rabbi, said last night: "The Anglo-Jewish community shares in the morning of the families of the victims ... this shocking act of violence is to be condemned by all people of reason in the Middle East."

The bomb caused the biggest Israeli death toll since Arab guerrillas infiltrating from the sea killed 37 and wounded 82 in an attack on a coastal highway north of Tel Aviv in March 1978. Yesterday's bomb ripped apart one bus on Dizengoff Street as another passed it.

The street, normally a symbol of Israeli vitality, was a venue for shock, mourning and gore yesterday, as corpses and limbs were visible alongside the the mangled bus; survivors spoke of the driver's head being blown off.

Alon Tsabari, 29, recalled how he ran from a bank to pull out the wounded, fearing that other blasts would follow. "I have served in Lebanon in the army and I knew immediately from the sound that it was a car bomb," he said.

In Ichilov Hospital, a surviving passenger, who identified herself only as Marina, said: "At first I did not think it was a bomb, but then my brain forced me to move to the window and get out. Everything went black. I saw a young woman, she flew out of the window. I saw she was not alive. There was blood everywhere."

Eddie Booth, a 25-year-old tourist from Nottingham, said: "It was a massive explosion but the wierd thing was that we heard no screams. There was just total silence."

Ariel Sharon, the right-wing Likud MP, said on Israel Radio: "The [peace] process must be stopped until [Yassir, the PLO leader] Arafat understands that he must eliminate Hamas."

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a PLO opposition group, yesterday congratulated Hamas. It said the bomb was a direct response to the recent signing of the Israel-Jordan peace treaty.

Yassir Abed Rabbo, a spokesman for Mr Arafat's self-rule authority in Gaza, condemned the attack as a "horrible action". He said: "We denounce it completely and we consider that this crime is against the relations between the Israeli people and the Palestinian people."

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One of 45 people injured yesterday is carried from the wreckage of the bombed bus in the centre of Tel Aviv

Treasury job losses herald more cuts

BY MICHAEL DYNES AND PHILIP BASSETT

THREE more Whitehall departments are facing large-scale manpower cuts after yesterday's announcement that a third of the Treasury's top jobs are to be axed.

Sir Terry Burns, Permanent Secretary at the Treasury, told assistant secretaries and under secretaries yesterday that one third of their jobs would be abolished by 1995 in one of the most severe cuts in the department's modern history. Civil Servants in the Trade and Industry and Employment Departments are next in line, a senior consultant said.

Up to 60,000 administrative, executive and clerical posts could be cut from the 533,000-strong Civil Service over the next four years as expenditure reviews are carried out in all 20 or so Whitehall departments. Such reviews have already been conducted in the Home Office, and Departments of Health, Education and Social Security.

Sir Terry insisted that the one third reduction in Treasury staff was designed to boost "quality, effectiveness and professionalism." It is "not simply about cutting costs or reducing staff". He rejected claims that the reforms would result slacker financial discipline. The aim was to enable senior officials to take a "strategic view" of government spending.

Howard Davies, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, said that the Treasury was following the way business organised itself by devolving power.

However Michael Meacher, Labour's public services spokesman, said: "If control of public-sector pay is dispersed to hundreds of individual pay units, central control of the budget will be fatally weakened."

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Only one newcomer in Blair's new team

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY Blair's hopes of presenting a new-look Labour team were dented last night when only one newcomer was elected to the shadow Cabinet in the annual MPs' poll.

The Labour leader was boosted by the high votes secured by the leading performers on his front bench.

Only one existing member — Tom Clarke, the shadow Scottish Secretary, lost his place. The new face in the team is Gavin Strang, the agriculture spokesman. But also returning are Harriet Harman, the shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, who secured fifth place in the 18-member elected poll after surprisingly being knocked off last year.

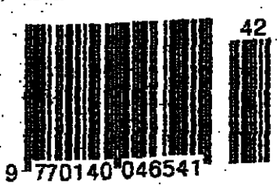
Margaret Beckett, the former Deputy Leader, was returned in second place with 170 votes.

Robin Cook, the shadow Trade Secretary, topped the poll with 187 votes. Gordon Brown was third with 167. Jack Cunningham, the shadow Foreign Secretary, whose place had looked under threat, was comfortably re-elected. Others, whose places were in jeopardy, including Joan Lester and Ann Taylor, scraped back.

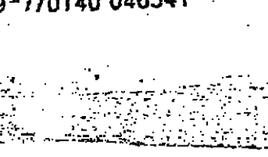
With five women the Shadow Cabinet now has its highest number of women.

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Street clash at Commons

Violence erupted outside the House of Commons last night as police and demonstrators clashed during the third reading of the Criminal Justice Bill.

The flashpoint came when police surged into the ranks of the demonstrators, who were blowing whistles, beating drums and chanting "Kill the Bill", to arrest agitators. Punches were thrown and blows rained down on police officers as the crowd tried to prevent any arrests.

Cabinet ready for Sinn Fein talks

The Cabinet is today expected to prepare the ground for early talks with Sinn Fein. Seven weeks after the IRA ceasefire was announced the Cabinet's Northern Ireland committee is expected to accept that a "working assumption" that IRA violence has ended can now be made.

Labour quits private inquiry into Tory 'questions for cash'

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Commons investigation into the questions-for-cash affair was in turmoil last night as Labour MPs boycotted the inquiry in protest at plans to hold hearings in private.

Seven Labour MPs said they will not sit on the Committee of Privileges unless it holds public hearings into allegations that two Tory MPs were ready to accept £1,000 each for asking Commons questions. The controversy grew as ministers drew Tony Blair, the Labour leader, into the dispute, accusing his party of turning its back on the "grown-up politics" Mr Blair had called for.

The Labour MPs' action threatened to halt the inquiry before its first formal sitting, adding to government embarrassment over the investigation into the offer of money to Graham Riddick and David Tredinnick. Conservatives were defiant last night, insisting that the inquiry could go ahead without Labour involvement; one senior Tory said: "This committee has never sat in public." However, Conservatives on the committee acknowledged that the absence of Labour MPs would undermine the inquiry's effectiveness.

Although only six of the 17 committee members are needed to form a quorum, business managers of both main parties are preparing to hold urgent talks to resolve the dispute. Mr Riddick and Mr Tredinnick were due go be called to give evidence during the next fortnight, but there were doubts last night whether those hearings would take place.

Tony Benn, one of the Labour MPs who withdrew, wrote last night to Tony Newton, the committee chairman and Leader of the Commons: "The overrding consideration should be that the public, who are our electors, should be completely satisfied that members of the House of Commons are free from improper pressure."

☐ Tony Blair put Labour on "a war footing" for the next general election yesterday as he declared that there should be no "cliques or cabals" in the parliamentary party (Jill Sherman writes).

He promised a meeting of his MPs an inclusive style of leadership in return for support and discipline. "We are up against a ruthless and unprincipled party," he said. "We need to be principled, but as determined as they are."

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Grandfather shot dead after chasing bank robbers

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A RETIRED man who was shopping with his wife was shot dead at point blank range yesterday when he chased three men fleeing a bank robbery.

David Dunn, 63, gave chase with other members of the public including an off-duty policeman when he saw masked men holding up a Securicor van outside the Bank of Scotland in Bonnyrigg High Street, Midlothian.

Mr Dunn, a retired mining engineer, followed the men into a back alley and wrestled one to the ground. He was shot and died at the scene despite attempts to save him.

Mr Dunn's wife, Jessie, was waiting for him in a shop. His son, David, 39, said: "My dad had gone to put a bag of groceries in the car. When Mum came out he had disappeared. She saw all the commotion and someone said there had been an armed robbery," he said.

"But it was only when she saw his car it dawned on her that it was my dad. A shopkeeper and an assistant took my mum in and tried to calm her down."

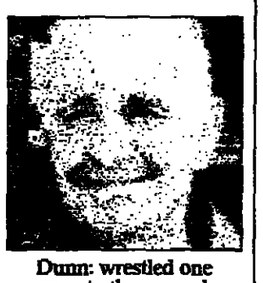
Witnesses said Mrs Dunn was shouting: "Davie, my Davie, I've lost my Davie". The couple celebrated their ruby wedding anniversary two months ago.

Angry local people dragged two men from a car and pinned them down until police arrived. A third man escaped through the garden of a nearby house but was later caught. Last night all three were being interviewed by police.

John Gardiner, 72, said he was in his kitchen in Park Road when he heard a scuffle. "There were these guys running away with people chasing them. They got into a car but it was immediately surrounded by people. They dragged the driver out and opened the passenger door. Then there was a shot and this chap fell down. I rushed out to call the police."

Mr Dunn, a father of three and grandfather of four, was a keen indoor bowler and played nearly every day at the nearby rink in Dalkeith. He was also a pigeon fancier who had recently joined Poltonhall Pigeon Club where he had won more than seven trophies in the past year.

Detective Chief Superintendent Eric John, of Lothian and Borders Police, praised Mr Dunn for risking his life but warned others not to follow his example. "Take any details you can, such as car numbers but don't tackle armed men. This man was extremely brave and must be congratulated for it. Unfortunately, he paid with his life."



Dunn: wrestled one man to the ground

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Gummer welcomes elephants as escape route from dreary ritual

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Noting that the Bishop of Southwark, speaking in the Lords on Monday, *almost* ended with "amen", your sketchwriter remarked that if Lords' speeches did end with a ritual "amen" this would help visitors to understand the function of our Upper Chamber.

A visitor entering the Commons press gallery after prayers yesterday might have spotted an equivalent Commons ritual. This, too, should be compulsory, for it signposts the Lower Chamber's role. A question to John Gummer from Keith Vaz, an Opposition spokesman on the environment, concluded — as so many questions do — with "What's the Government going to do about it?"

Nothing, of course. The question was about revitalising city centres. The thought of Mr Gummer revitalising a village duckpond, let alone a city centre, invites a hollow laugh. But to ask what Mr Gummer *could* do about it is to miss the point. Nobody can do much about anything, as MPs very well know; but they are sent to Westminster to pretend otherwise, then rail against the real world for confounding their hopes. Gummer's role was to represent the real world. Wearing a livid green tie blotched with enormous red elephants didn't help.

But, as it happened, Gummer was asked what he was going to do about elephants, too. Labour's Tony Banks was worried about South Africa's resumed trade in elephant skins. Mr Gummer was facing questions about what he was going to do about nitrogen dioxide, benzine emissions and "hot catalytic converters", so he turned with relief to elephants. He knew what an elephant was. "The problem," he said gravely, "is that there are too many elephants in some parts of southern Africa . . ." he paused and looked wise, "and too few in others."

He never did say what he was going to do about it. Perhaps he might persuade them to move. A vision of Mr Gummer, fresh from his Bournemouth address to Tory ladies, haranguing a herd of African elephants, temporarily interrupted your sketchwriter's concentration.

I returned with a jolt to see Sebastian Coe (C, Falmouth & Camborne) being whispered to by Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman (C, Lancaster), her eyebrows beetling madly. Dame Elaine was wearing a new dress: an extraordinary canopy in jungle-camouflage greens but blotched with big red squares. I have seen Masai tribeswomen wearing something like this. The Masai drink warm cows' blood, straight from the jugular, for good health. So does Dame Elaine. Anxious lest Mr Coe fall under the influence of this dangerous woman, my attention again wandered.

It returned again to observe a new minister, Sir Paul Beresford, in action. Or was I dreaming? The minister sounded like an Aussie — and is in fact from New Zealand. Had I been beamed into Wellington? I searched my lexicon of antipodean parliamentary language, to check. "Flash as a rat with a gold tooth," is a common term of political endearment there. "Like being flogged with a warm lettuce," was Paul Keating's riposte to an opposition leader, whom he called "a feral calculator". This sort of thing could liven up environment questions no end. But Sir Paul was responding politely to a Labour frontbench critic, George Howarth. They don't transplant well, these Kiwis. "I'm rather disappointed in the hon gentleman," he was saying, miserably. "Belt up, you whingeing pom," would have suited his accent better.

Tory backwoodsmen told: turn up at Lords or be axed

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE legendary Tory backwoodsmen of the House of Lords are to be asked to break the habit of a lifetime and to attend Westminster regularly. They will be warned that it may be the only way of saving their skins after Tony Blair's threat to abolish the automatic rights of hereditary peers to vote in the Lords.

The new government team in the Lords, led by Lord Cranborne, leader of the upper house, and Lord Strathclyde, the chief whip, are determined that the humiliating government defeats and climbdowns of the past year will not be repeated on the same scale.

In the past, the backwoodsmen have been called in only occasionally from their country houses in the shires and the grouse-moors of Scotland to support the Government for crucial votes.

From next month, however, Lords Cranborne and Strathclyde plan to hold a succession of fireside chats with the hundreds of peers who take the Tory whip but who turn up to vote only a few times a year.

They will be courteously asked why they attend so infrequently and gently reminded that the Labour leader has pledged to abolish the right of hereditary peers to vote in the Lords.

"Nobody wants to be nasty or frighten people, that would be totally counterproductive," said a government source in the Lords. "We will simply be saying to people, 'We don't want to be mean but we don't want to lose you. If you continue not turning up we can't punish you, but it will be noticed'."

The new whips' office is acutely aware that some Tory peers have not been contacted for decades and hope to establish a more regular dialogue.

Among the worst attenders are former Tory Cabinet ministers and even working peers. Lord Young of Graffham, the former Trade and Industry Secretary, attended on only four of the 194 sitting days in the 1992-93 session, while Lord Ingrow, a Tory working peer, attended only 34 times.

Last year 481 out of 1,040 peers took the Tory whip, but in divisions in the Lords the Conservative vote is rarely higher than 150 and often far lower.

However, the veiled threat is likely to fall on death ears. Few of the backwoodsmen contacted by *The Times* yesterday said they had the time to attend the Lords more frequently.

Lord Aldenham, who attended 23 times last year, said even if he turned up "it would not necessarily mean I would vote for the Government".

He decided to limit his visits to the Lords after he attended a debate on rate capping in the mid-1980s "and sat through four hours of exquisite tedium of formulae and algebra and didn't know what on earth they were talking about".

Lord Aldenham, the sixth holder of a title created in 1896, said he last voted in May but had been unable to attend since because he had been busy with the harvest on his Hertfordshire farm.

The Earl of Coventry, who attended the Lords once in the 1992-1993 session, said: "I attend for anything of particular interest to myself." A loyalist when he does turn up, he has not voted against the Conservative Party since 1956 over Suez.

The Marquess of Hertford, who admits to a sneaking admiration for Mr Blair, insisted that his 44 visits to the Lords last year were "quite a lot for someone who lives 100 miles away".

Lord Hertford said that he could remember only one direct request to attend from the Tory whips in his 42 years as a member of the Lords.

The Earl of Kimberley, an attender 23 times last year, said he used to go four times a week but was now less often in London. "I am a regular, irregular attender," he said. "I go there if I can go there and if they desperately need me."

Lord Braybrooke said his attendances had been limited to 36 visits by his appointment as Lord Lieutenant of Essex in 1992. "You cannot attend every day when you are the lord lieutenant of a big county."



John Gilbert would eat six Mars bars for elevenses before slimming to 14 stone, right

Speedy weight loss quickens heart

A MAN has avoided death, found a job, attracted girlfriends and staked a claim for a place in the *Guinness Book of Records* by losing 18 stone in a year (Nigel Hawkes writes).

After years of weighing 32 stone, doctors told John Gilbert, 41, to lose weight or die. He gave up eating four huge meals a day and six Mars bars for elevenses, and cut his 72 in waist to 36 in on a diet of Weetabix, salad, skinless chicken breast and yoghurt.

Mr Gilbert said: "I was constantly eating junk food and fried food. I would eat a whole packet of muesli at once and for supper I would eat whatever was in the fridge, all of it, and have huge platefuls of chips."

His weight caused him great embarrassment. He took to sleeping on the floor because he had broken so many beds, and could not get inside cars. When he had to go into hospital for checks on his heart he had to be hauled up by pulley.

Today Mr Gilbert, who lives with his mother in Walsall, West Midlands, has his first job, cleaning for Royal Mail, and a social life. "I've had a couple of serious girlfriends and there is another one interested," he said. "For me it is miraculous that someone can put their arms around my waist. People where I live can't believe I am the same man, not only because of the weight but because I am a changed character."

The *Guinness Book of Records* is considering giving him an entry as Britain's speediest slimmer. "He must be one of the most succesful slimmers this country has seen," Amanda Brooks, of the *Guinness Book of Records*, said. Others have lost more weight, but not as swiftly.

EU order will outlaw most herbal remedies

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

UP TO 80 per cent of herbal remedies sold in chemists and wholefood stores will be outlawed next year under a European directive.

Traditional remedies such as feverfew, taken for headaches, and ginseng could disappear as a result of the directive, which requires that all herbal products processed or packaged for sale as medicines should obtain a licence costing £84,000.

Herbal medicine groups yesterday criticised the Health Department for failing to counter the order, which takes effect on January 1. Michael McIntyre, former president of the National Institute of Medical Herbalists, said: "The route the Health Department is taking is completely mad. It will bring to an end traditional medicine in this country."

Tony Hanson, managing director of Potters, the largest supplier of herbal remedies in Britain, said: "I think it is most unfortunate because it will deprive some people of some very useful products." The British Herbal Medicine Association said "hundreds" of remedies will be withdrawn from sale.

At present, only pharmaceutical drugs costing hundreds of millions of pounds to research and develop require product licences. The new directive is designed to bring all EU countries into line.

Only remedies that obtained product licences before the Medicines Act 1968 took effect will be legal after January 1. Those account for one fifth of the herbal medicine market, estimated to be worth about £280 million a year in Britain.

Car ferries flood too fast, warn designers

BY TIM JONES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

URGENT action must be taken to safeguard millions of passengers who use roll-on roll-off ferries, a group of ship designers said yesterday.

The Royal Institution of Naval Architects said that the *Estonia* tragedy, which cost more than 900 lives, meant that immediate efforts had to be taken to change international law. It said that otherwise some inadequate ferries would "see out their natural lives without being brought up to standard".

Professor Kenneth Rawson, chairman of the institution's safety committee, said: "Despite the concerns we have expressed for years, there is still a likelihood of rapid capsize should the car deck be flooded for any reason."

Regulations said passengers should be able to disembark within 30 minutes of an order to abandon ship but the *Estonia* and *Herald of Free Enterpise* tragedies had demonstrated ferries could sink within minutes.

In a statement, the institution said the international shipping community had failed to respond to British pressure at the International Maritime Organisation for the immediate conversion of ferries to proper standards.

"Many, especially the older, ro-ro ferries are still vulnerable to rapid capsize because it requires only a very few errors in operation or equipment failure to flood their car decks."

Professor Rawson said regulations should cover two adjacent compartments below the car deck being flooded. The standard based on just one compartment being holed was unacceptable.

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Girl dies trying to save brother in fire

A teenage girl died yesterday after going back into her blazing home to rescue her brother. Natasha Ogilvey, 14, tried to reach three year-old Tommy, who was asleep upstairs, but she was overcome by smoke. Firemen wearing oxygen masks found both their bodies in a bedroom of the council house in Blackheath, southeast London. Their mother Christine, 34, who has six other children, suffered the effects of smoke. Three other children, Elena, 11, Wayne, 6, and Leeanne, 9, escaped. The rest live away from home.

Navy in drugs seizure

A Royal Navy helicopter yesterday helped to rescue a shipment of cannabis on board a yacht that had run on to rocks off the coast of Cornwall. Customs officers had seized the yacht and arrested the three crew after finding three tons of cannabis. However, the yacht foundered on rocks before all the cargo had been removed.

Fireball killers jailed

Two men who killed a footballer by dousing him in white spirit and setting him alight in a dispute over a woman were jailed by Chester Crown Court. Barry Oliver, 31, of Nantwich, Cheshire, was jailed for eight years and Andrew Card, 33, of Crewe, for six years after admitting the manslaughter of Ryan Keen, 20.

Jonsson has a son



The *Gladiators* presenter Ulrika Jonsson, right, has given birth to a 9lb 11oz boy named Cameron. Her husband, John Turnbull, 30, a television cameraman, said: "He's so big, when he came out he looked ready to go to school." Miss Jonsson, 27, a former weather presenter on GMTV, would be back at work "as soon as possible," her agent, Melanie Cantor, said.

Romania couple's hope

President Ion Iliescu of Romania is reviewing the 28-month jail sentence of Adrian and Bernadette Mooney, of Wokingham, Berkshire, who were convicted of trying to smuggle a baby to Britain. The review follows an appeal by Lord Bethell, the former Tory MEP, who predicted that the couple would be home "pretty soon".

Irish to ban court wigs

The Irish government has introduced legislation to ban the wearing of barristers' wigs in court. Barristers were told that wigs were an anachronism although the Irish Bar Council recently voted by two to one to keep them. Willie O'Dea, a justice minister, said he wanted to bring the Irish Bar into line with most other legal systems.

Greenpeace split on campaign tactics

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

GREENPEACE is wasting funds on environmental campaigns in developed countries when poorer countries face the greatest threats, many activists claim. This and other issues are now causing dangerous divisions in the organisation, observers believe.

Blair Palese of Greenpeace International in London said yesterday some officials believed that greater funding from the organisation's rich national offices in Europe and America should be spent in Asia and Eastern Europe. "There is a belief that we have achieved substantial environmental awareness in these developed countries," she said.

She cited Asia, where there is growing concern over environmental threats linked with economic development. Greenpeace has only one office in the region, in Japan.

"You are not going to be able to raise funds for this kind of work in Asia itself. On the other hand, Greenpeace Germany could counter by saying they cannot raise funds without a German perspective," said Ms Palese.

Some members also believe lobbying in the West can have more political impact than in countries where governments lack resources. The debate will surface in Tunisia next week at Greenpeace's annual meeting.

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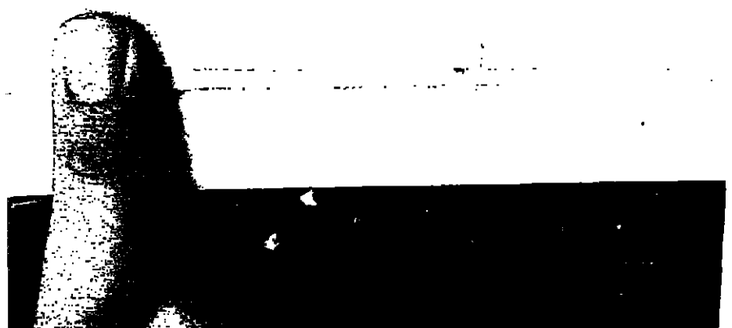
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State visit to Russia

Manchester is not a nice place, Queen tells student

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN ST PETERSBURG

THE Queen yesterday made one of those unfortunate remarks that become magnified into the stuff of royal tour legend. Manchester, she said, was "not such a nice place".

Visiting St Petersburg State University, which has close links with Manchester, the Queen spoke to Galina Gusarava, a 28-year-old biologist, who told the Queen she had studied in the northern English city.

"She said it was not such a nice place, but she added that it was really important to have contacts between universities," Galina reported afterwards.

Royal aides acted quickly to stifle the royal gaffe and expressed surprise at Galina's claim, saying the Queen was very fond of Manchester and would never have meant to run the city down.

"There was a light-hearted exchange about Manchester as a place to study. But the Queen most certainly did not say that she disliked Manchester," said a Buckingham Palace spokesman travelling with the Queen. "Indeed, she visits the city regularly."

According to Galina, the Queen gave her disparaging view of Manchester as she was chatting to staff and students at the university over tea.

Residents of Manchester, which the Queen is due to visit in December, later expressed amazement at her reported comments. Sheila Smith, the city's Lord Mayor, said she was shocked. "We have visitors from all over the world and all are delighted when they come here. Apart from the cultural aspect it is the friendliest place to be. I can only imagine Her Majesty has been quoted out of context."

Melanie Jarman, secretary of Manchester University students' union, said: "The Queen should be an ambassador for the whole of the country, not just the plush parts of London. I would invite the Queen to come up here for tea one day and we'll show her just what type of lovely place it is."

Earlier in Moscow the third day of the Queen's state visit to Russia set a more informal tone as the Queen mingled with children. Not even queens, however, are immune from being the recipients of tantrums.

Nearly a hundred youngsters from Moscow's British community donned their Sunday best for a short service with the Queen in St Andrew's Anglican church, a plain Victorian redbrick structure entirely devoid of Russia's traditional gold onion domes and looking as if it had been transported bodily from suburban Manchester.

After the service the children were lined up outside to



The Queen: aides tried to stifle gaffe

greet the Queen. Dmitri Macmillen, 3, son of a Russian mother and a British pharmaceutical company executive, was detailed to present a bouquet to the Queen. He grasped the flowers in one hand, and a small green toy car in the other.

The Queen approached. Dmitri offered the car. Two surprised people were the Queen and Dmitri's mother, Zhanna, who said later that her son never spent a minute without his cars, and had never before shown the slightest inclination to give them away. The Queen laughed heartily. "You had better keep it," she told Dmitri. So Dmitri offered the flowers, and the Queen graciously accepted. So far, so good.

Seconds later, Dmitri had a change of mind. If he could keep the car, he wished to keep the flowers as well, and he made a valiant attempt to prize them from the Queen's grasp, tugging at their stalks and teetering towards a paddy. Feeling the pull at her hand, the Queen looked down and instantly spotted the makings of a serious incident. Still laughing, she relented; Dmitri got his flowers back.

While the Queen was frolicking with children, the Duke of Edinburgh was on a more solemn mission. He paid a brief visit to the former Convent of Martha and Mary, founded by his great-aunt Grand Duchess Elizaveta Feodorovna in 1907 after the murder of her husband by Bolsheviks during the 1905 uprising.

The royal couple's last engagement in Moscow was to lay the foundation stone of the new British Embassy, close to the White House where Mr Yeltsin made his historic address from the turret of a tank. The present embassy, a fine 19th-century mansion directly opposite the Kremlin, is to become the ambassador's residence.

Despite unfounded rumours that the Moscow authorities had blocked the architects' plans for the new embassy, it is expected to be completed by 1996.



DAVE DYSON

The Princess arriving at Heathrow yesterday for her flight to the United States

Princess flies out of the spotlight

BY EMMA WILKINS

THE Princess of Wales turned her back on a week of speculation about the state of her marriage and flew to America yesterday for a short holiday.

The Princess, who travelled to New York aboard a British Airways jumbo jet, is expected to stay with her friend Lucia Flecha de Lima, wife of the Brazilian ambassador to Washington. She is due to meet Katherine Graham, owner of *The Washington Post* and *Newsweek*, before returning early next week.

The visit, which has been planned for weeks, means the Princess will be in America when the second extract from Jonathan Dimbleby's biography of the Prince of Wales is published in *The Sunday Times* on Sunday. The extract is expected to chronicle the Prince's 24-year friendship with Camilla Parker Bowles, with whom he is said to have had an affair before his separation from the Princess.

The Prince was continuing his stalking holiday yesterday at Balmoral, where he will be joined by Prince William and Prince Harry on their half-term holiday from Ludgrove School this weekend.

It is understood that *The Sunday Times* may run extracts from Andrew Morton's book *Diana: Her New Life* alongside the Dimbleby extracts this weekend.

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Test driver works off his blushes

BY OLIVER HOLT
MOTOR RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE technician who crashed the world's most expensive sports car was detailed yesterday to "work night and day" on it until it was ready to go back on the road.

David Bettany, 32, was testing a new clutch on the McLaren F1 road car, which costs £540,000 and is capable of reaching 231mph, when he hit a patch of oil on a roundabout near the company's base in Woking, Surrey. The car spun out of control and ran off the road before clipping two lamp-posts.

The accident, which happened on Tuesday afternoon, inflicted only minor damage to the front and rear left-hand side of the car but it has caused Mr Bettany, who is employed as a service and build technician, serious embarrassment.

"He is normally quite a jovial guy," Derek Waelend, McLaren manufacturing director, said. "But he is mortified by what has happened and is very down. The other guys have not even been making fun of him. They are all thinking 'There but for the grace of God go I.'"

GP killed after knifeman bursts into surgery

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A DOCTOR was stabbed to death in front of patients in his surgery in Airdrie, Lanarkshire, yesterday after a man wielding a knife burst into the health centre.

Donald MacKay, 56, died of his wounds after the man in his thirties, who is thought to be a drug addict, started an argument with the GP then stabbed him and ran off.

Dr MacKay's daughter, Laura, who works as a receptionist at the Bankhouse Medical Centre, witnessed the killing. The doctor's partner at the centre, Shona Hamilton, attempted to save him.

Police were at the medical centre within minutes of the attack at 12.30pm and sealed off the town centre. Dr MacKay, from Airdrie, was taken to Monklands District Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Police believe the killer may have been filmed on closed-circuit television as he fled the surgery and threw the murder weapon into bushes.

Detective Chief Inspector Kerr Nelson said the man forced open the security door at the front of the surgery and burst into the doctor's room. "The papers on his desk were lying on the floor and the room was blood-stained. There was nothing missing from the surgery and there was nothing to suggest the incident was drugs related," he said.

June McGraw, 33, one of Dr MacKay's patients, said she was told she could not go into the surgery because the doctor had been attacked. "Police seemed to be coming from everywhere. I was told that a drug addict had gone berserk and slashed Dr MacKay and that he was very badly hurt," she said.

She described the GP, who was widowed, was a gentleman. "He wasn't just a doctor, he was a friend as well. I could talk to him, confide in him."

Dr MacKay's patients said he was due to go to Egypt next week with his daughter on his first holiday since his wife's death several years ago. Police are hunting a man in his thirties with dark curly hair, wearing blue jeans and a dark zip-up jacket.



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Corporal 'attacked officer'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

AN RAF corporal beat up an officer after seeing him caress his fiancée's bottom, a court martial was told yesterday.

Corporal Edward Budd, 29, punched, headbutted and kicked Flight Lieutenant Simon Smith, 28, at a Christmas party in an RAF club at Horsham St Faiths, Norfolk, after he saw the officer touching Senior Aircraftswoman Lisa Hopkins, 24, the hearing heard. Cpl Budd, who has since married his fiancée, denies assault. All three were based at RAF Neatishead, a secret radar base.

Senior Aircraftswoman Hopkins told the hearing that the officer "pulled me closer so he could speak to me because the music was so loud and put his hands around my back with one hand on my backside. He started moving his hand up and down."

Flt Lt Smith told the hearing that she had grabbed his bottom as they danced. He in turn touched her. "The next thing I knew I had been struck twice by Cpl Budd."

Cpl Budd said he had seen his fiancée dancing with the officer. "At first I thought it might have been accidental, but then I looked again and saw his hand continuously touching her backside. I walked across and put my hand between them and pushed his face away."

The hearing continues.

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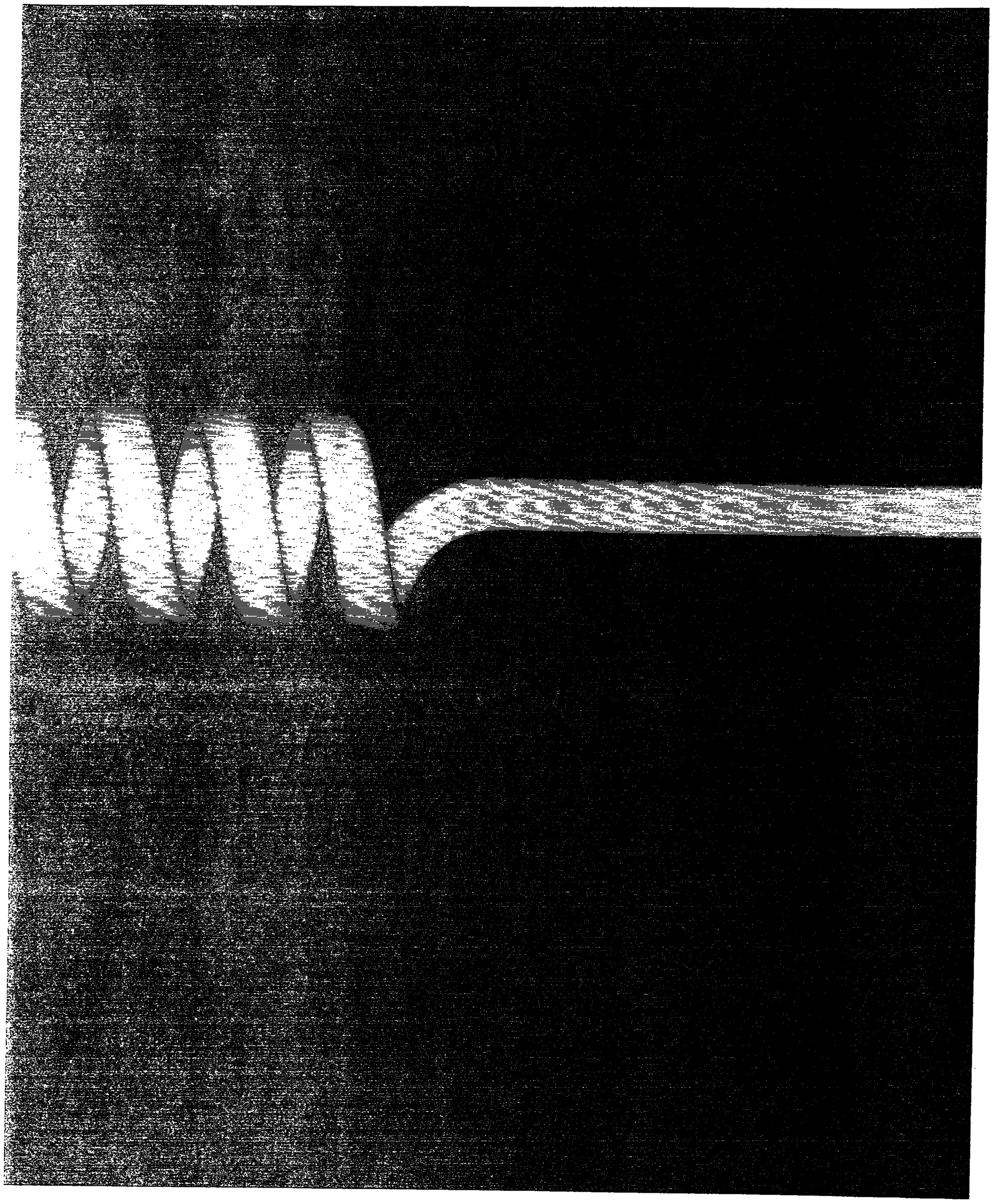


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Mandarins first in the firing line for Treasury cuts

By Michael Dynes, Whitehall Correspondent

ONE third of the senior policy-making posts in the Treasury are to be lost in one of the most swingeing cutbacks since the creation of the modern Civil Service in the 19th century, it was announced yesterday.

Most of the redundancies will be at the level of assistant secretary and under secretary, to be followed by a further round of job losses among the Treasury's executive and clerical grades.

The redundancies are the opening shot in a series of cuts that are widely expected to cut a swath through the ranks of senior civil servants and ancillary staff across all 20 or so Whitehall departments over the next few years.

Announcing the results of the Treasury's year-long fundamental expenditure review, Sir Terry Burns, the Permanent Secretary at the Treasury, said the objective was to modernise the department's antiquated management structure and create an organisation able to meet the challenge of the 21st century.

In a personal written statement to Treasury staff, Sir Terry said that the proposed changes, which have the broad support of Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, will not be "easy or painless". "The proposals have major implications for us all, including for some the possibility of a transfer to another government department, and for others the uncertainty about whether they will still have a job here."

Sir Colin Southgate, the chairman of Thorn EMI, who oversaw the review carried out by John Heywood, head of the Treasury's corporate and management change division, said: "We have put forward proposals which encompass a clear mission for the Treasury and a defined set of objectives, coupled with a new organisation which matches and mirrors them under a streamlined structure."

Cabinet Secretary	£118,000
Permanent Secretary	£90,000
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The recommendations have caused consternation among civil service trade unionists who fear that they could "emasculate" the Treasury. Elizabeth Symons, the general secretary of the First Division Association of senior civil servants said that the proposals were drastic. She added: "The worry is that the Treasury will not be able to do the job it is charged with."

Miss Symons added: "We believe that these changes affect not just the Treasury, but go to the very heart of Government. Given the drastic scale of the cuts, our members are already questioning whether the Treasury will be able to fulfil its remit to advise Government ministers and its wider functions with industry and commerce."

Supporters of the reforms insist, however, that the changes will "deliver an enormous breath of fresh air into the heart of an outdated administrative system". Graham Mather, president of the European Policy Forum, a cross-party think-tank, said: "The expenditure review has taken the whole Treasury apart and rebuilt it on modern lines. The result will be to loosen the Treasury's grip on the minute detail of departmental policy-making and enable it to focus on the strategic issues."

Mr Mather added: "This should give individual Whitehall departments greater freedom to draft and implement their own policy initiatives. But it does mean that they will come under greater pressure to become as focused and streamlined as the new model Treasury."

The Home Office and the Departments of Trade and Industry and Education are understood to be next in line. Some critics fear, however, that the reforms could result in an alarming relaxation of financial discipline throughout Whitehall departments.

Under yesterday's proposals, two of the Treasury's nine directorates are to be abolished. Those remaining are to be overhauled so that their responsibilities are clearly identified. An estimated 30 or so senior posts will be lost, which will have knock-on effects on the number of executive and clerical staff.

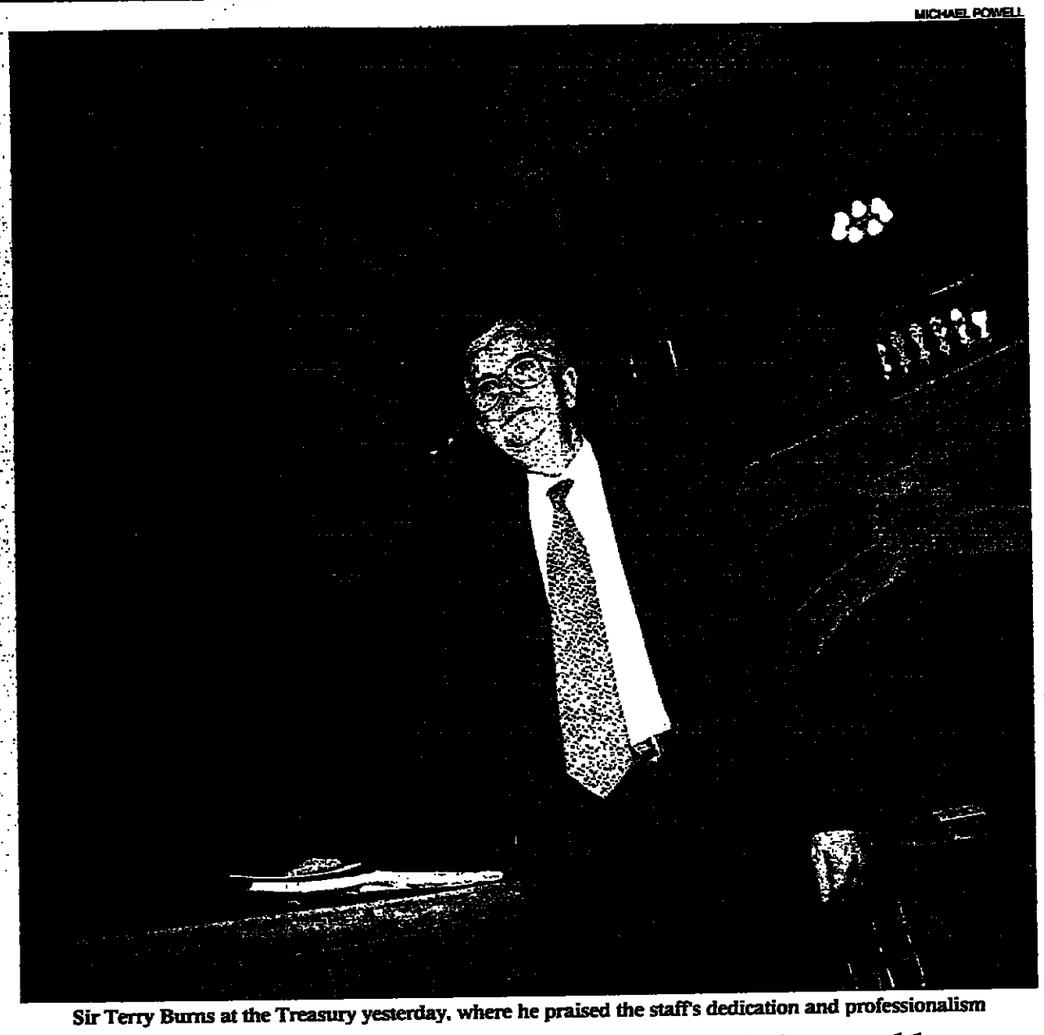
Redundancy terms will be spelt out to all staff affected by the proposals over the next few weeks, and consultants have been appointed to provide counselling for those staff made redundant, all of whom will be entitled to their index-linked pensions. It is hoped that the changes will be implemented by 1995.

Sir Terry told his staff that he was unable to specify precisely how many jobs would be lost. He said: "You will all want information on how you are affected. I can't give you the answers at the moment. I know that this uncertainty will be extremely unwelcome. Clearly we shall have a difficult and stressful period ahead, and one in which we will need to show sensitivity for those facing the greatest uncertainties."

One senior Treasury official, unsure about whether he would be affected by the proposals, told *The Times*: "It certainly makes the future look very uncertain. Clearly, a lot of people will be going. But it does appear to be a rational exercise. It has to be said that there is a lot of dead wood around here. We live in a changing world and the Treasury has to change with it."

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MICHAEL POWELL



Sir Terry Burns at the Treasury yesterday, where he praised the staff's dedication and professionalism

Burns tries to blunt axe with praise for staff

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

SIR Terry Burns started thinking about reorganising the Treasury shortly after he became Permanent Secretary in May 1991, but it took Michael Portillo's sweeping Fundamental Review of public spending in February 1993 to provoke the Treasury into action.

The first discussions about reforming the department took place in early 1992 when Howard Davies, then controller of the Audit Commission and now head of the Confederation of British Industry, acted as informal host to an "away-day" in a hotel. It was not until May 1993, after the announcement of the Fundamental Review, that a full-scale study was begun.

After all the months of detailed work — including preparation of a booklet for staff outlining redundancy terms — publication of the report was a rather muddled affair.

Sir Terry yesterday praised their dedication and professionalism in a message to staff, but there are clearly some deeply disgruntled officials. Many of the contents of the report were leaked to the press over the past two days.

Proud, conservative and intellectually lazy

By David Walker

THE review of the Treasury may at last achieve the unthinkable when Great George Street is forced to give the public some account of what exactly its 80 economists do.

Is its (hitherto) apparent invulnerability to change a tribute to the strength of that Rolls- Royce of Whitehall intellects, the Treasury mind? Or is it a tribute to those qualities that are the curse of modern Britain, exemplified in *The Economist* as amateurism, irresponsibility and dishonest anonymity?

What is still striking about the Treasury is its arrogance. The Treasury often combines the worst Clarendon School pretension with that dour *amour propre*, in the manner of the poet Philip Larkin, you get from grammar school boys made good. I say "boys" but Treasury women, who seem to be picked for their appalling clothes sense, often add an extra layer of prickly pride. Second, Treasury officials are often the worst Whitehall harlots, exuding power without a due sense of responsibility. The fact that government spending forms, as Labour has recently been pointing out, the same proportion of national product now as 15 years ago and the extraordinary conservatism of the Treasury in considering liberating changes to the structure of Whitehall, have been covered up by the absence of dialogue with the outside world.

THE TREASURY MIND

The Treasury mind is Anglo-American, still more attuned to the days of Stafford Cripps and his ill-fated begging trips across the Atlantic than to moods and nuances in Paris and Bonn/Frankfurt let alone Milan/Rome or Madrid. The Treasury mind is intellectually lazy, hooked on the satisfactions of macroeconomic forecasting, resisting the messy empiricism of real-world economic activity, including the circulation of immeasurable money.

The Treasury mind is managerially incompetent. Visiting the department is like stepping back in time as if to a pre-Wapping newspaper: the doorkeepers are old salts, reception is staffed by little old ladies whose function has never been subject to competitive contract. The state of the building is a disgrace to anyone. Right, Left or centre, who thinks the state, big or small, should be dignified.

It seems the Treasury worships only two of the three household gods enshrined at Number 10 Downing Street, namely economy, efficiency and effectiveness. Economy means cutting down, efficiency means minimising what you put in for a given output, but effectiveness can mean asking whether enough is being spent and that mouthful can give the Treasury indigestion.

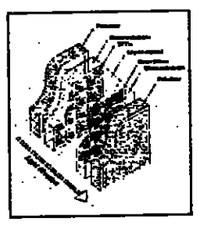
It has been passive in its thinking about the the functions of government, content to make the existing machine cheaper. That is no inconsiderable task, but focusing on it has probably left the Treasury unprepared for the decades ahead.

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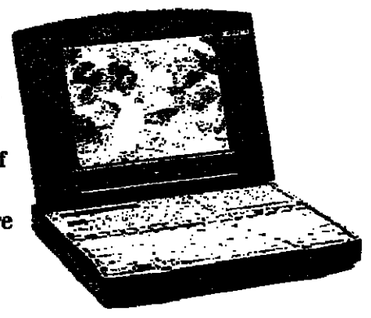
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Lucan search goes on as family seek to declare him dead

BY BILL FROST

THE murder hunt for the Earl of Lucan will not be called off despite an attempt by his family to have him declared legally dead after 20 years, Scotland Yard said yesterday.

The Prime Minister has turned down a similar request from the Earl's tenants in Ireland, who have been refusing to pay rent since his disappearance.

The family's action is aimed at securing an inheritance for Lord Lucan's three children. It comes almost 20 years after warrants were issued for his arrest, alleging that he murdered Sandra Rivett, the family's nanny, and attempted to murder his wife, Veronica, at their home in Belgravia on November 7, 1974.

Solicitors acting for the family trustees, Coutts and Co, are expected to ask a High Court judge to have Lord Lucan "sworn to be dead". The declaration would enable the family's financial and tax affairs to be put in order, but would not prevent the Earl from standing trial for murder if he were found. Coutts refused to comment.

The family's lawyers are also understood to have requested copies of statements from the inquest on Miss Rivett from Dr Paul Knapman, the Westminster coroner. A jury decided she had been murdered after hearing how she had been repeatedly struck with a blunt instrument.



Rivett: beaten to death

Lord Bingham, the Earl's 26-year-old son and heir, said yesterday: "It is simply an administrative technique aimed at enabling the trustees of the estate to put our financial affairs in order. I have no idea how long it will all take."

He refused to indicate whether he believed that his father was definitely dead. "I could not possibly comment on that," he said. Lord Bingham, a City merchant banker, was also unwilling to discuss why the family had waited nearly two decades before launching the action, when proceedings could have started after seven years. "It is a personal matter," he said.

He would not put a value on the estate, believed to have been much depleted by the Earl's legendary gambling losses, which includes a considerable amount of property in Castlebar, Co Mayo. When Lord Lucan vanished in 1974 it was estimated he had rights to the ground rent of 1,200 properties in and around the town. Since then many tenants have bought out their ground rents and refused to make outstanding payments, totalling up to £500,000.



Lord Lucan, on holiday in Acapulco in 1973, with Annabel Birley. He disappeared the following year

Several months ago Enda Kenny, the Fine Gael MP for West Mayo, wrote to John Major urging the Government to have the Earl declared officially dead. Mr Kenny has also contacted Lord Bingham.

The Prime Minister told him that while he could "readily appreciate the advantages that might flow from an official declaration of death ... it is not a matter in which the Government can intervene".

In recent weeks police have investigated reports that Lord Lucan is living in South Africa, which does not have an extradition treaty with Britain. But the inquiry appears to have drawn another blank.

Scotland Yard receives up to 60 tip-offs a year from people who claim to have seen Lord Lucan. A spokesman said: "There is no evidence that Lord Lucan is dead and he still has an open file. The investigation is still going on."

Roy Ranson, the former detective chief superintendant who led the Lucan inquiry for five years, said last night: "The police will continue looking for him. If I saw him today I would arrest him. I would like a result of some sort."

The last evidence that Lord Lucan was alive came shortly after his disappearance, when he sent a letter to a friend saying he thought it best to "lie doggo" for a while.

Author gets damages for libel

The writer and justice campaigner Sir Ludovic Kennedy, 74, was given a public apology and awarded substantial libel damages yesterday over allegations in a book that he had distorted evidence to fit his own theories about the Rillington Place murders.

The High Court was told that Little, Brown and Company, publishers of *The Two Killers of Rillington Place*, by John Eddowes, had agreed to delete the allegations from all copies of the book.

Port's win

Ipswich Port Authority was granted leave to seek a judicial review of the designation of the Stour and Orwell estuaries as a Special Protection Area for birds. The authority says the order would mean commercial disaster for the port.

Trailer haul

Eighteen men, six women and seven children were being held by police as suspected illegal immigrants after they were found in a lorry trailer at Dover. A French lorry driver was being questioned.

Top apprentice

Christian Knowles, 20, of Market Drayton, Shropshire, who helped to design improvements for tools used by orthopaedic surgeons, has been named Ministry of Defence Apprentice of the Year.

Heritage trail

The European Heritage Trail, an 800-mile route stretching from Co Waterford in southern Ireland through Wales and England to Normandy, was launched by Viscount Astor, the tourism minister.

£4.5m left in will

Stan Smith, 89, a widower who regularly pleaded poverty when asking for credit at the village shop at Bramshaw in the New Forest, Hampshire, has left £4.5 million in his will.

Seals settle in

The RSPCA is to try to tranquilise a family of four wild seals after they set up home in the river Glen in Lincolnshire. They will be released into the North Sea.

Unitarian plagiarist steps down

THE church minister exposed as a student plagiarist stepped down yesterday pending the outcome of an investigation by the Unitarian Church (Ben Preston writes).

The Rev Tom Sanders, who was stripped of his theology degree by Oxford University last week, agreed to be relieved of his duties at the John Pounds Memorial Church (Unitarian) in Portsmouth.

The future of Mr Sanders, who was convicted of killing his wife seven years ago, will be decided by the Unitarian's Council of the General Assembly at a meeting between November 4 and 6.

Mr Sanders was accepted as a minister in 1991 in the knowledge that he had served 11 months of a three-year sentence for the manslaughter of his wife, Sheila, [illegible] stabbed to death in the North Sea.

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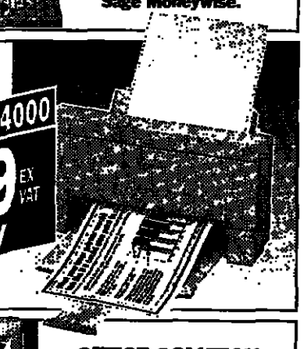
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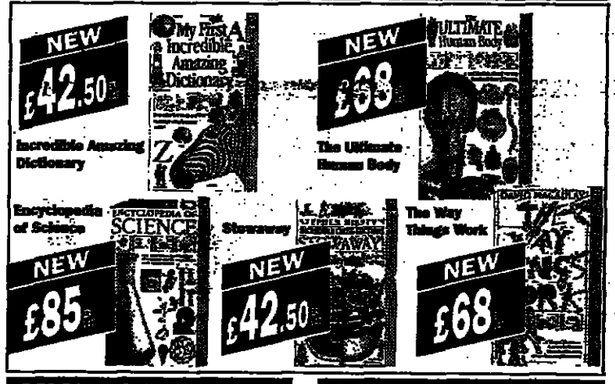
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First papal book affirms rejection of abortion

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Pope marks the sixteenth anniversary of his election today with the publication of an unprecedented book in which he speaks of his beliefs on a variety of topics, including abortion, women and Jews.

Crossing the Threshold of Hope has an initial print run of 20 million copies and is on sale from today in 35 countries and 21 languages. Pope John Paul II, a conservative, repeats his argument that abortion breaks the commandment "thou shalt not kill" and says the church cannot risk "disastrous compromise" by bending sometimes unpopular rules to suit public opinion.

He says: "The legalisation of the termination of pregnancy is none other than the authorisation given to an adult, with the approval of an established law, to take the lives of children, yet unborn and thus incapable of defending themselves. It is difficult to imagine a more unjust situation."

He is equally outspoken on the role of women and says: "In our civilisation woman has become, before all else, an object of pleasure. A certain contemporary feminism finds its roots in the absence of a true respect for women." But he also says: "At the same time, the spiritual beauty, the particular genius of women, is being rediscovered. The bases for the consolidation of the position of women, not only in family life but social and cultural life, are being redefined."

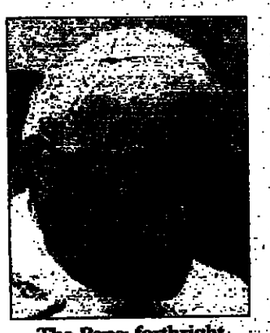
There is qualified praise for Islam. The Pope says: "The religiosity of Muslims deserves respect. It is impossible not to admire, for example, their fidelity to prayer. Nevertheless, concrete difficulties are not lacking. In countries where fundamentalist movements come to power, human rights and the principle of religious freedom are unfortunately interpreted in a very one-sided way. Religious freedom comes to mean freedom to impose on all citizens the 'true religion'."

But he has unqualified admiration and sympathy for the Jews. "This extraordinary people continues to bear signs of its divine election. Perhaps because of this, Israel has become similar to the Son of Man, who, according to the flesh, was a Son of Israel. The 2000th anniversary of Christ's coming to the world will be a celebration for Jews as well."

"To this day, Auschwitz does not cease to admonish, reminding us that anti-Semitism is a great sin against humanity, that all racial hatred inevitably leads to the trampling of human dignity."

More than 250,000 copies of the book, the first to be published commercially by a reigning Pope, have already been sold to booksellers in Britain and Ireland.

The royalties from the book, the English language rights of which were bought by the American publishing giant Random House for a reported £4 million, will go to charity.



The Pope forthright opinions on women

SIMON WALKER



Rebecca Stephens, the British mountaineer, intends to become the third woman in the world to scale the highest peak in each continent

Climber sets her sights on big seven

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

REBECCA Stephens, the first British woman to climb Everest, announced her intention yesterday to become the first British woman to scale the highest mountain in each of the seven continents.

She would be only the third woman in the world to accomplish the feat. She began her quest three years ago, climbing Kilimanjaro in Kenya, and has already completed five of the seven summits.

The idea came to her when flying home from a successful expedition up Mt McKinley in Alaska. "I was already booked to go on and climb Everest," Miss Stephens said. "I made a pact with myself that if I climbed Everest, which would be the most difficult to overcome, I would go on and do the seven."

Having now scaled Elbrus in Russia and Indonesia's Carstensz Pyramid, Miss Stephens leaves for South America on Saturday, to climb Aconcagua, at 23,000ft the second highest mountain in the series. She will then fly to Antarctica, and attempt the Vinson Massif.

Global car ride aims to save Commonwealth Institute

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

THE Commonwealth Institute is to be turned into a £7.5 million tourist attraction in an attempt to boost attendances and save it from closure.

A new permanent Wonders of the World exhibition will feature a coral reef, a Caribbean storm, an African safari, a white-water rafting ride, a basalt cave with volcanic and geyser eruptions, an Antarctic world of ice and a helicopter ride using a spherical screen.

The attraction will take visitors on a simulated car ride around the globe, giving impressions of sights, sounds and smells. It will occupy the ground floor of the institute's west London headquarters while other floors will continue to house exhibits depicting life in Commonwealth nations and a display of gifts given to the Royal Family.

The institute, a showcase for nations of the former Empire, has seen visitor numbers fall sharply over the past decade, but hopes the revamp will attract two million tourists rather than 250,000 at present.

Wonders of the World, due to open in spring 1996, will be designed by Jasper Jacob, winner of the Museum of the Year awards for his work on the Museum of London and Imperial War Museum.

The facelift has been made possible by a recent Foreign and Commonwealth Office announcement that the institute will continue to be funded at a reduced rate until 1999.

The institute, a stalwart of London school trips, still has strong support from Commonwealth countries and features a mechanical cow from New Zealand. Earlier this year its director said that the institute could not survive without core government funding. Half the 100 staff have been made redundant.

Campaigners call for petrol additives to cut pollution

BY NICK NUTTALL
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

A CAMPAIGN to have chemical additives put in petrol was launched yesterday amid claims by supporters that they can dramatically reduce certain kinds of air pollution.

Oxygenates, chemicals based on methanol and ethanol, are being added to fuels in some American states. Dr Simon Wolf, a toxics specialist at University College London, said that oxygenates were the key to dramatically reducing benzene levels in fumes, a known carcinogen.

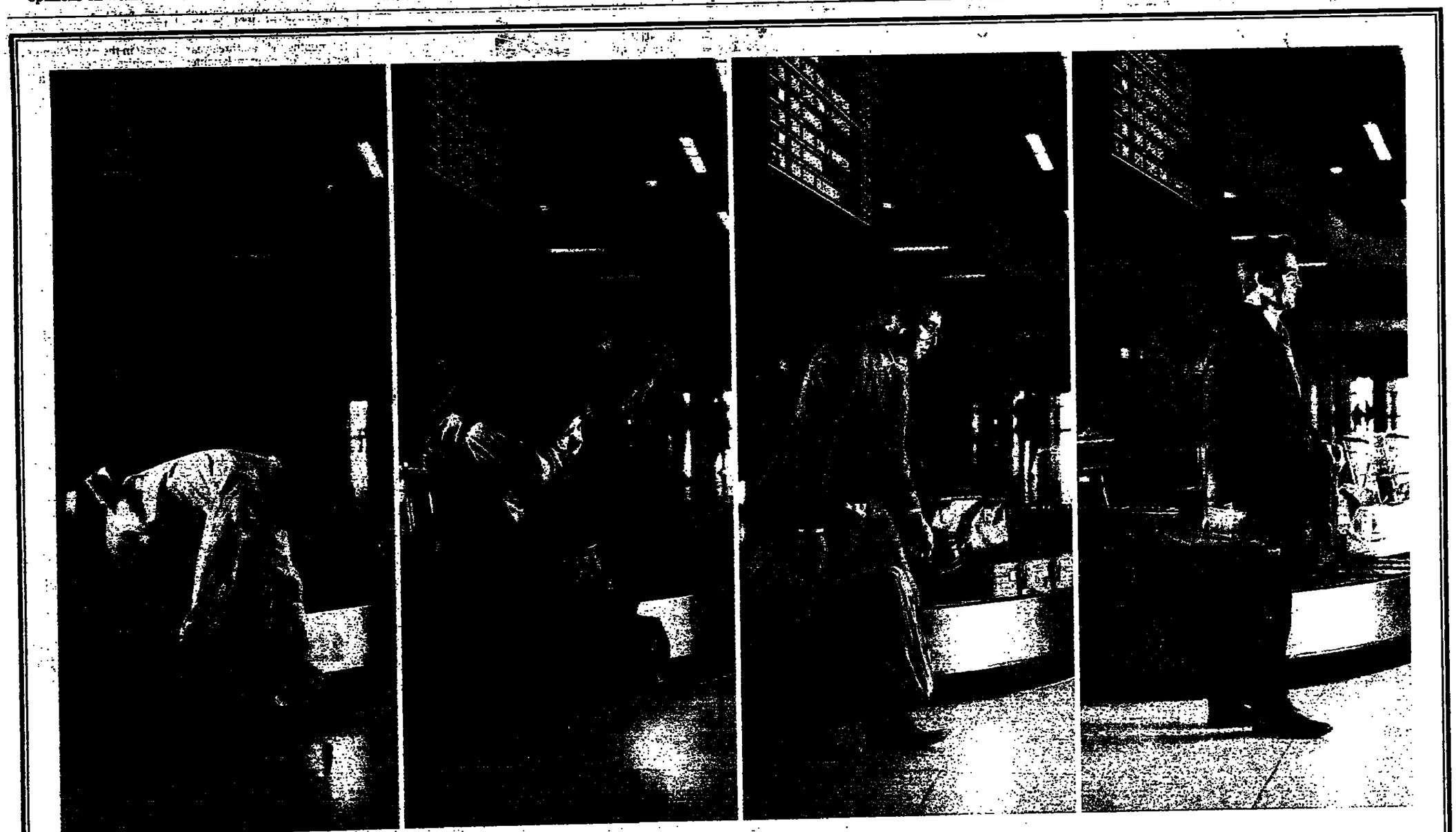
Barbara Charnes, of Coloradans For Clean Air, a consumer pressure group based in America, said Denver had seen a 25 per cent reduction in carbon monoxide emissions since introducing fuel additives in 1988.

She said oxygenates caused petrol to be burnt more completely with a cost to the consumer of about 1p a gallon.

Dr Malcom Green of the British Lung Foundation said a series of long-term measures was needed to cut air pollution in Britain's cities, including a cut in car usage. But he said anything that might give a respite to asthma sufferers, such as new fuel formulations, were welcome.

The additives, called methyl tetrabutyl ethers, are made by ARCO chemicals. Critics claim the company has surplus supplies of the additives after a recent decision by the United States government to use similiar additives based on ethanol from crops rather than chemicals.

However, David Parker of the UK Petroleum Industries Association, said there was evidence that emmissions of aldehydes, fumes linked with breathing difficulties and cancer, were increased by oxygenates.



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Cabinet adopts 'realist' strategy as it pledges to educate and inform the young about risks of abuse

Ministers abandon shock tactics in fight against drugs

BY RICHARD FORD AND BEN PRESTON

THE Government yesterday unveiled a "new realist" strategy against drugs and acknowledged the failings of previous attempts to stop growing abuse. Four Cabinet ministers announced proposals emphasising the need to educate and inform young people of the facts and risks, abandoning earlier shock tactics.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, said there was "no magic wand" that would wish away the problem once and for all. Instead, ministers sought to co-ordinate and build on the successes of local initiatives, while targeting suppliers. They pledged to train more teachers to take the anti-drugs message into classrooms, including primary schools, issue guidance to head teachers and launch a national helpline for parents.

More than 60,000 prisoners will be randomly tested for drugs each year, with users facing disciplinary action including an extra 28-day sentence. For the first time, police forces will set targets for reducing drug-related crime while stepping up efforts to prevent young people's involvement with drugs.

The Home Office estimates that heroin users financing their habit were responsible for thefts and robberies worth up to £864 million in 1992. In any one year, some three million people take an illegal drug. Most police forces only caution people caught using soft drugs for the first time.

Tony Newton, the chairman of the Cabinet sub-committee on the misuse of drugs, highlighted the shift in strategy and publicly recognised the "intractable" nature of the problem. "We always want to learn from experience. I think some of the shock tactics that have been used in one or two earlier campaigns have not proved as effective as we would have liked."

The 114-page Green Paper, *Tackling Drugs Together*, has jettisoned earlier language about "drug abusers" and the "war on drugs", talking instead of "drug users" while putting a premium on pragmatic, community-led initiatives.

It concedes that contact with drugs is now part of growing up. The paper says: "As part of adolescence and maturing, young people experiment with different values and behaviours. While this strategy proposes a strong emphasis on preventing young people from misusing drugs in the first place there will still be some who choose to experiment even if they have both the knowledge and the skills to resist peer pressure."

The paper, detailing a three-year strategy across ten government departments currently spending £500 million on anti-drug policies, rejects decriminalising cannabis or other controlled drugs. But it says: "It is clear that the debate can be conducted in good faith by responsible people who can respect each others' views."

After more than a decade of Government initiatives against drugs, the paper says the prospect in England "over the next few years is of more drug misuse by younger people causing more crime and damage to themselves and their communities".

Eric Forth, the education minister, said that some schools had been inclined to ignore the drugs problem, because even talking about it risked giving them a bad name. He said: "We hope that by acknowledging the need to deal with this problem, saying it's something that all schools should be doing, we will give action against drugs the seal of approval."

Alan Michael, shadow Home Office minister, said the paper was an admission of the gaps and inadequacies in previous policy.



Revellers at one of Britain's latest "jungle" clubs, where the driving beat can last for 12 hours or more

Cocaine makes a comeback as ravers head for the jungle

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT AND ANJANA AHUJA

COCAINE is believed to be making a comeback on metropolitan dancefloors as a backlash against the Ecstasy-based rave scene and the perfect accessory to a flourishing new style of music known as "jungle".

"Jungle's all about looking smooth. You wear Katharine Hamnett or Paul Smith jeans. People want a designer drug to go with that," said RJ, a former rave DJ who is now a jungle musician. "Raves were all about psychedelic T-shirts and being sweaty. Things have moved on."

Jungle is an aggressive, thumping blend of rave, ragga and reggae music that is kicking at the heels of rave culture. One music journalist thinks the new scene is a throwback to the self-orientated culture of the 1980s. "Cocaine goes with this because it's a more aggressive drug than Ecstasy. It gives you speed and energy without the hallucinogenic love-your-brother effect of E," he said.

With prices starting at £40 per gramme (nearer £60 in London) cocaine, or Charlie, is at least four times the cost of speed (amphetamine). At a club in Islington, north London, which advertises "10pm-9am, 11 hours of pure jungle and hardcore madness on the main floor", entrance costs £9 on Friday nights. Add another £3 for cloakroom charges — "£1 per item. If you wish to remove an item from your coat it will cost you £1" — and £10 for a few cans of soft drink, and a night in the jungle begins to look expensive.

Many revellers are under 20, so how do they afford it? Some admit to small-time dealing, mainly Ecstasy and speed, to make some money for the weekend. Although those drugs are available inside most clubs, cocaine dealing goes on outside.

The scene begins to heat up around midnight. Downstairs the mood and music is relaxed. Banners declaring "Increase the Peace" and swirling wall murals appeal to the diehard rave fans who cannot quite abandon their spiritual roots.

Upstairs the atmosphere is more aggressive. Young men jostle each other in time to the stomach-wobbling bassline, stopping only to sway during the reggae interludes. Girls in black PVC dresses dance self-consciously. A man gets up on stage dressed in futuristic body armour and wearing what looks like a giant pin cushion on his head. He moves robotically, shooting laser beams across a sea of bobbing heads.

Empty soft drink cans lie scattered around the floor, a sign that many are already feeling the dehydrating effects of the drugs and heat. In the lavatories, a couple of teenage girls discuss the relative merits of London's all-night clubs. "Security's quite tight at the Ministry of Sound, frisking and all that, but you can easily smuggle stuff in under your bra," says one.

Paul Watson, a worker with Lifeline, a drugs advice service in Manchester, can understand the attractions of cocaine. "It's a smoother version of speed with a cleaner high. But whereas one gramme of amphetamine lasts six hours, one gramme of cocaine lasts a third of that time."

The recent spate of deaths attributed to Ecstasy may have helped fuel the trend towards cocaine. Shelley Boswell, a promoter for the Gardening Club in Covent Garden, said: "People feel that cocaine is safer for their heads as it's tried and tested, whereas Ecstasy is a bit scarier and indefinable because of its hallucinogenic qualities."

Stories about contaminated Ecstasy may also have prompted a switch. Last year, Newham Drugs Advice Project in east London reported some manufacturers were mixing Ecstasy with other substances to stretch out supplies. At the height of the rave scene, more then a million people used Ecstasy each week.

Release, a national drugs helpline, has noticed the numbers using cocaine are going up. Catherine Phillips, an adviser, said: "There is an upward trend in the use of cocaine, although we are reluctant to link it with any particular club scene. And there is a growing disenchantment with Ecstasy, what with stories about adulteration."

COCAINE: ON THE INCREASE

THE revival of cocaine as a fashion drug will increase police concern about its spread. Since the late 1980s investigators have found evidence that the Colombian drug cartels are trying to increase sales in Europe.

Police have been concentrating their efforts in preventing the spread of crack, a cocaine derivative. The appearance of cocaine on the dance scene may cause them to rethink some of their strategies.

National Criminal Intelligence Service analysts believe cocaine could be becoming fashionable on the club scene as music and tastes change. It has the advantage for users that they can drink alcohol, while drugs such as Ecstasy lose their potency with drink.

Cocaine could be attractive to clubbers because its effects are similar to amphetamine, which has also been popular.

ECSTASY: THE RAVE EFFECT

ECSTASY, a hallucinogenic amphetamine also known as E, Adam or love doves, was developed in 1914 as a slimming pill, but its psychedelic side-effects made it a perfect choice for the rave generation of the 1980s.

Ecstasy is now the most popular drug after cannabis and amphetamine (speed), with about one million tablets taken each week. Although numbers are difficult to confirm, the National Poisons Unit has recorded 50 ecstasy-related deaths since 1990.

The drug is not addictive. Users view it as recreational, taking one or two tablets for a night out. They experience a rush of energy, a feeling of well-being and heightened perception. More unpleasant side-effects include a rise in body temperature, dehydration and asthma attacks. Most deaths are thought to be due to overheating, exacerbated by dancing.

Danger warning to five-year-olds

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

CHILDREN as young as five are to be given information on drug abuse in an attempt to reduce the rising numbers of drug addicts in Scotland.

The education of very young children is one of a number of measures outlined by the Scottish Office's Drugs Task Force yesterday. Others include establishing needle exchanges and methadone programmes, fining rather than jailing addicts and providing paramedics and supplies of water at raves.

There is evidence that previous educational programmes aimed at the 12 to 14-year-olds did not work because some children were already hooked on drugs by that age.

A World Health Organisation report on drug abuse internationally says that Scotland has the world's youngest injectors of heroin, involving children as young as 12.

The Government, which spent £42 million in Scotland last year combating drug abuse, now plans to change its strategy and aim at the under-tens. Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, the Scottish health minister and chairman of the task force, acknowledged that the "Just say no" message had not worked. Instead, young children will be asked what drugs they already know about and will be educated as to what those drugs do.

It is estimated that there are 20,000 addicts in Scotland, half of them in Glasgow, which has been called the drug capital of Europe. This year there have been 73 drug-related deaths in Strathclyde.

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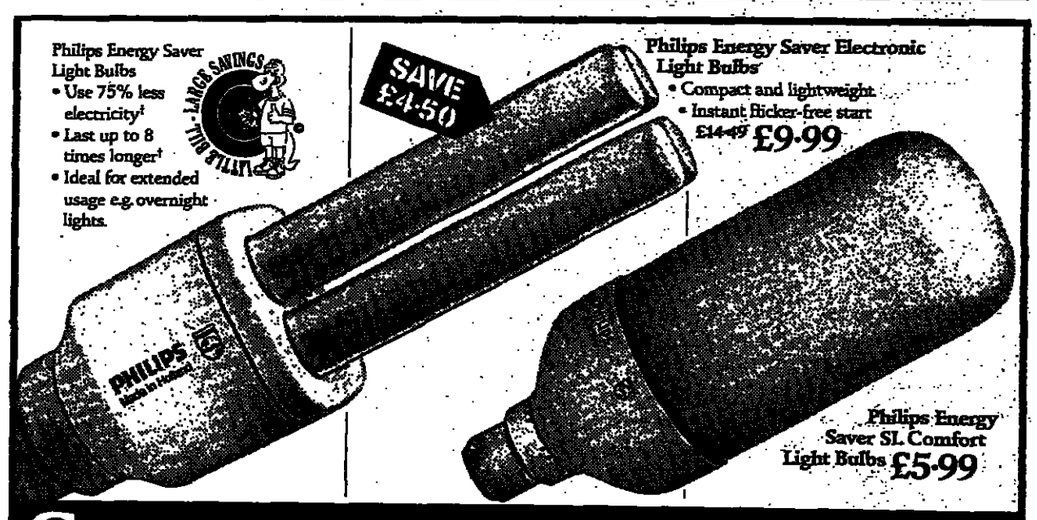
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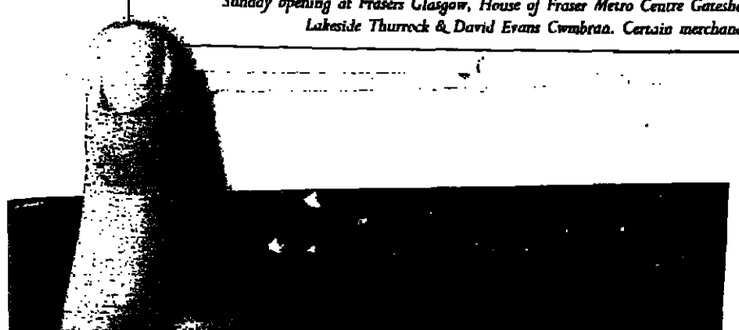
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Fertility expert condemns age limit

BY NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

A SPECIALIST in fertility treatment came to the support yesterday of a woman who was denied treatment at the age of 36 on the ground that she was too old.

Professor Robert Winston of Hammersmith Hospital, London, said that it was fundamentally wrong to deny in-vitro fertilisation to Julie Seale, now 37, of Sheffield. On Monday, the High Court rejected her application to seek a judicial review of the decision by Sheffield Health Authority.

"If we are going to have an equal society, women will spend time working and developing a career," Professor Winston said. "For society then to turn round and say we're not going to treat you because you are too old is fundamentally wrong. It is unjust and it doesn't make good economic or social sense."

Professor Winston was opening an exhibition at the Science Museum in London, called The Infertility Maze, which examines infertility and its treatment.

He set no limits on the age of women he was prepared to treat, except those of nature: he would not be prepared to reverse the menopause in a woman of 60.

Professor Winston strongly criticised the provision of fertility services in the National Health Service. "Money is being squandered. We are wasting huge sums. Every day women are getting hefty treatments of fertility drugs, costing up to £500, without even a proper diagnosis being made of why they are infertile. I saw five of them in my clinic yesterday."

Money was also being wasted on setting up too many in-vitro fertilisation units, he said. IVF could help only a fraction of infertile couples.

In the High Court action on Monday, Sheffield Health Authority said that it had been forced to set a limit on eligibility as its IVF budget was limited to £200,000 a year. Medical advice was that best results were achieved in women under 35.



Winston: refusal was fundamentally wrong

Porter accused of arrogance of power

BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

DAME Shirley Porter, the former leader of Westminster Council, was accused of exercising the "arrogance of power" and endangering democracy when the public hearings into the council's alleged homes-for-votes policy opened yesterday.

The policy meant that council money that should have gone on helping the homeless was diverted to political purposes, according to Andrew Arden, QC, for the objectors, who first asked the district auditor to investigate what was going on.

The hearing at Marylebone Town Hall, central London, which is expected to last up to two months, began after John Magill, the district auditor, rejected Dame Shirley's case that he was too biased against her to reach an objective view of the evidence.

His provisional findings in January were that she and nine others should be disqualified from office and surcharged £21.25 million, the sum which he believed had been diverted from public funds to pay for the policy.

"We are talking about gerrymandering conceived by members and carried out by officers to sell houses at a discount to supposed Conservative voters," Mr Arden said. "This was bribery of the electorate and corruption of the officers for entirely personal gain.

"This was more serious than conventional corruption because people were hurt in a way that is not so common. I have in mind the homeless deprived of a decent home in which to live and seek work, to put down local roots and, most of all, to bring up their children. The consequences of these lost opportunities will extend into the second and possibly third generations."

Dame Shirley had made a corner of the inquiry chamber her own, putting a bunch of star-gazer lilies into a water jug on the bench behind her. She frowned and wrote notes



Magill: suggested a £21 million surcharge

as Mr Arden spoke. She had arrived early to face a demonstration by about 40 placard-waving protesters shouting "Gerrymanderer" as she walked up the steps.

"I have done nothing wrong," she said. "If you listen to all the shouting and screaming you must ask yourself why people feel like this. Is it because we have been judged guilty before the inquiry?"

Mr Arden claimed that he represented a group of ill-funded amateurs who under "a very, very English process" were trying to find the truth even though they were denied access to adequate resources and information.

"What the objectors say is that the council were taking resources that belonged to one body, the council, which were meant to be used in the interests of the homeless, and use them instead in an entirely other way for their essentially private ends," Mr Arden said.

There was no difference between misuse and diversion of assets to a political party and diversion for private gain, which was acknowledged to be corrupt. Some of the things that had happened had been so atrocious that council officers had not been able to find any justification for them, he said.

"The inevitable corollary is that the only reason they happened was political. There was a routine concealment, a routine diversion of assets to an illegimate end. In Westminster the party of law and order seems to have become the party of deceit and distortion."

The auditor's fees so far amounted to £1 million and legal fees were nearing £2 million. Between 1988 and 1990 the policy of leaving flats empty had cost the council £1.2 million in lost rent, £2.7 million to board up properties and £20,000 in lost service charges. "They showed the same respect for the budget as a child let loose in a sweet shop. They wanted it and they wanted it right away," Mr Arden said.

The objectors were motivated as much by the desire to protect the sanctity of the democratic process as by concern for the homeless, he said. "Investment in the democratic process means there has to be reference to the rules to govern it. It is important to the integrity of local government that the rules are applied. Some people may view boxing as a sport. Without its rules it becomes pure brute violence. Without rules local government becomes either anarchy or autocracy, which is the arrogance of power. There are those who think that just by being elected they are almost by definition right."

Mr Arden said that those with their hands on the lever of power at Westminster Council represented that arrogance. When they were not able to get things past the officers, then step by step they pushed into the impermissible grey area.

The hearing continues.

SIMON WALKER



Dame Shirley arriving for the inquiry into the alleged homes-for-votes policy

5ft worms found on deep sea volcano

BY NIGEL HAWKES

GIANT 5ft tubeworms have been found at the bottom of the Pacific around the vents of submarine volcanoes.

The worms, *Riftia pachyptila*, were found 8,000ft down in the east Pacific by the submersible *Alvin*. Although the deep oceans are thought of as inhospitable, three visits to the spot showed that the tubeworms flourish there.

On the first visit, in April 1991, a subsea volcano had recently erupted and fresh lava could be seen. In March 1992, the area was visited again and, although it showed some signs of life, there were no giant tubeworms.

When the submersible returned 18 months later, American and French scientists report in *Nature*, large numbers of the tubeworms were found. This means, they say, that they must have been growing at almost 3ft a year, the fastest growth rate recorded for a marine invertebrate.

The team, led by Dr Richard Lutz of Rutgers University in New Jersey, says that since the deep-sea volcanoes were discovered in 1977 there has been growing evidence that creatures may grow very rapidly in the nutrient-rich waters created by the volcanic eruptions.

Hoax call offers clue to murder

BY A STAFF REPORTER

AN IMPOSTOR pretending to be the building society manageress Carol Wardell telephoned her head office four days before she was murdered, it was disclosed yesterday.

Mrs Wardell, 38, was asphyxiated and her body was found in a lay-by last month near Nuneaton, Warwickshire after she was kidnapped by a gang and forced to open her branch of the Woolwich.

The officer leading the hunt for her killers said yesterday that police were trying to trace the call to the Woolwich's head office in Bexleyheath, south-east London, on September 9. Detective Superintendent Tony Bayliss said it had been taken by David Smith, a customer relations manager.

A woman calling herself "Carol from Nuneaton" spoke of a man acting suspiciously outside the Woolwich branch in the town. Mr Bayliss said: "The call purported to come from Carol Wardell, but we are sure she did not make the call." He would not speculate on the motive for the call, but said it was "very significant".

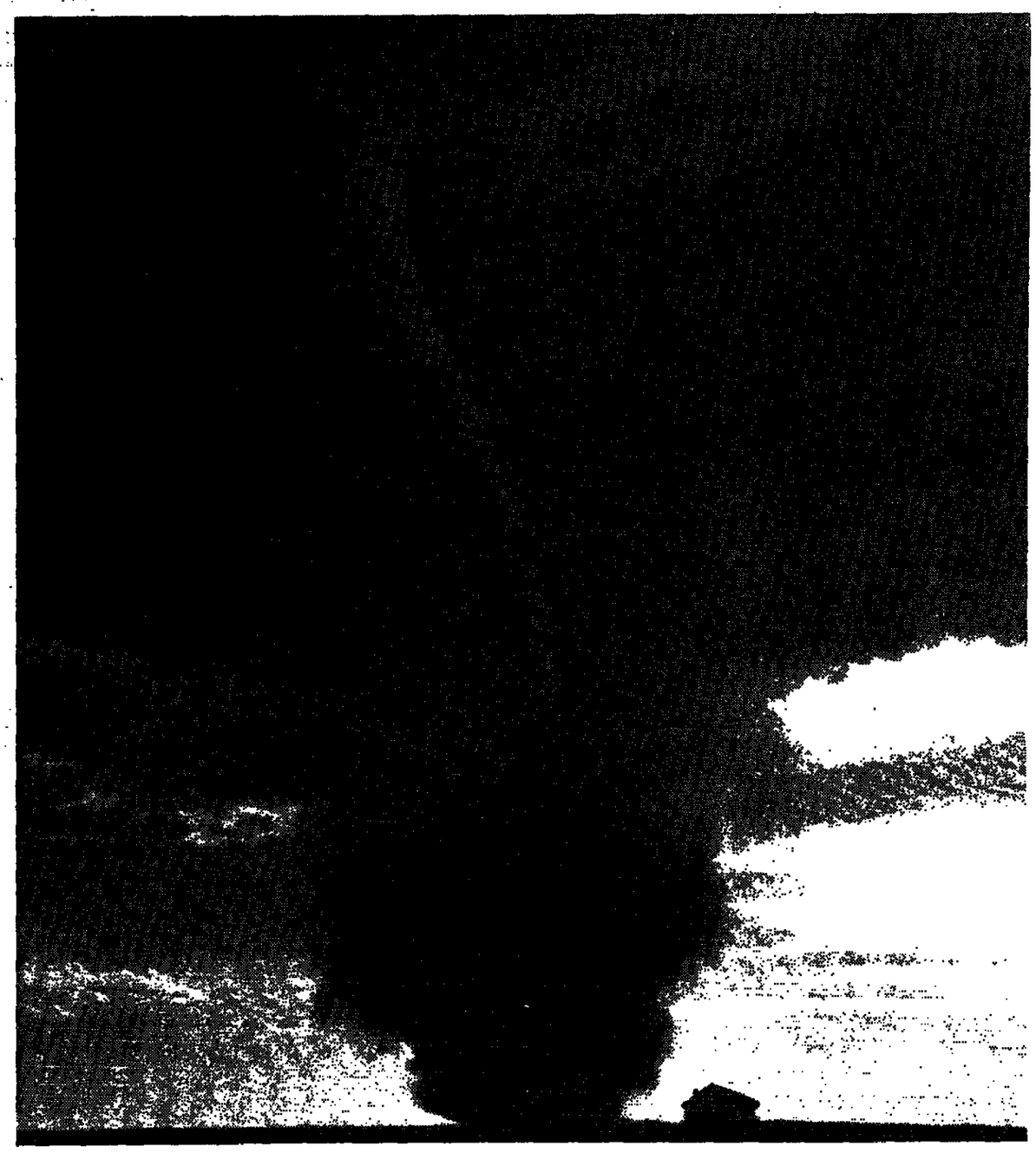
Mr Bayliss appealed to the woman to come forward if there was an innocent motive. He was hopeful that digital technology would enable the call to be traced.

Mr Smith told a press conference the caller had sought advice about the public relations aspects of asking police to remove someone loitering outside her branch. He replied that if in any doubt she should call the police and would be backed by head office.

Mr Smith said that, having listened to recordings of Mrs Wardell's voice, he was sure she did not make the call. The woman he spoke to did not have a West Midlands accent and appeared calm — contrary to what he would have expected in such a situation.

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Howard overturns Lords' defeats of criminal justice Bill

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

MICHAEL Howard succeeded last night in overturning one of the most humiliating defeats in the Lords for his battle-scarred Criminal Justice Bill.

By a majority of 26 the Commons reversed peers' amendments on the sentencing of persistent juvenile offenders. The vote was 298 to 272. The amendments would have blocked a key element of the 27 crime-fighting measures that the Home Secretary promised at last year's Tory conference.

Under Mr Howard's initial proposals, magistrates would have had the option of sending persistent young criminals aged 12 to 14 to secure training centres. But in July peers voted by 170 to 139 and by 147 to 128, backing demands by the former Tory Home Secretary Lord Carr of Hadley for courts to be free to sentence such offenders to council care.

Their rebellion stalled the implementation of the Bill until this autumn and angered Tory backbenchers by slowing the planning of five centres for up to 200 offenders. The delay also prevented police using new powers against new age travellers, hunt saboteurs and rave parties.

Mr Howard told the Commons that the rebellion had been ill-founded and that the secure centres would offer "a focused high-calibre regime which will deal with youngsters who have been given every possible chance in life to reform and have refused it".

He urged MPs to overturn the amendments because council care would undermine the Government's ability to deal with persistent young offenders. The public should be protected from young offenders, he said. "We would provide that protection but Labour would leave the courts with no power whatsoever to do so. By their actions on this part of the Bill they stand condemned as totally out of touch with public feeling."

Alun Michael, Labour's home affairs spokesman, said: "The Home Secretary clearly has no faith in the magistrates since the Lords amendments simply give the magistrates a degree of discretion to deal most effectively with youngsters who come before them."

Mr Michael accused Mr Howard of acting in a "hamfisted manner" which he said had caused outrage among peers and in the country. The amendments had been passed because the creation of "colleges of crime" for 12 to 15-year-olds would cause problems, Mr Michael said.

"It is simple common sense to allow discretion to the court to be flexible. I do not envisage that the flexibility provided by the Lords amendments would be used on that many occasions. That is why I find it difficult to understand why you are so negative in seeking to refuse them today," he said.

Mr Howard was supported by backbench Tory MPs who gave examples of young criminals who needed to be in secure centres. John Greenway, Tory MP for Ryedale cited the case of a 14-year-old boy who appeared at York youth court on Monday. Nicknamed "blip boy" because of the sharp increase he caused in crime statistics, the youth had already been convicted of 38 buglaries and thefts. "This young man fulfils all the conditions in the Bill for a secure training order," Mr Greenaway told MPs.

Alan Beith, home affairs spokesman for the Liberal Democrats, said previous attempts to tackle juvenile crime through the "short, sharp shock" borstals and approved schools had failed because of a high reoffending rate. He urged the Government to accept the Lords amendments.

Parting shot fired at Tory Euro-sceptics

Renton to step down as MP

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TIM Renton, a former Chief Whip, is to stand down as Conservative MP for Mid Sussex at the next general election, he announced yesterday.

Mr Renton, 62, said it was more than 20 years since he became the constituency's MP, and it was time for a younger person to take over.

His announcement was coupled with a parting shot at the Tory Euro-sceptics, as he said that while he remained in Parliament he would continue to fight to see that the clear water between the Tories and Labour was "not muddied by stupid calls for Britain to leave the European Union".

He said: "For most of my adult life I have striven to put over the need, for the sake of employment and economic growth in Britain, for us to be firmly and enthusiastically at the centre of European thinking and planning."

He was Chief Whip in 1990 when Margaret Thatcher was succeeded by John Major as Prime Minister. He later wrote a political thriller in which he described whips as "little Hitlers in depressing grey suits".



Tim Renton, who said yesterday that Britain must be "at the centre of European thinking and planning"

Mr Renton, educated at Eton and Oxford and a latecomer to politics, was parliamentary private secretary to John Biffen and then Sir Geoffrey Howe. By 1984 he was a minister in the Foreign Office. He went on to become a Home Office minister in 1987, and was appointed Chief Whip in 1989 and arts minister in 1990.

At the last election, Mr Renton increased his majority over the Liberal Democrats by 2,236 to 20,528.

High price puts Hansard out of public's reach

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE soaring cost of *Hansard* is putting the "absurdly priced" official daily record of Parliament's proceedings increasingly beyond the reach of members of the public, MPs were warned yesterday.

The circulation of *Hansard* has fallen sharply since 1979, when the combined daily sales of the Lords and Commons *Hansards* were 10,500. They are now 5,890 and sales are still falling. During the same period the price of the Commons *Hansard* has risen from 40p a day in 1979 to £7.50. A year's subscription to Hansard now costs £1,200.

Readership is also increasingly concentrated among the political and administrative classes of Westminster and Whitehall, with the bulk of subscription cancellations coming from public libraries, academic institutions and individuals.

The sharp increase in the real cost of *Hansard* dates to 1983 when Baroness Thatcher announced the phasing out of its £6 million subsidy. Since then, the Stationery Office has been forced to operate on a commercial basis, and at £7.50 a copy *Hansard* is thought to cover its costs and make a small profit.

Yesterday, the Hansard Society, an influential cross-party body of MPs, peers and academics, published a pamphlet calling for the cover price to be cut to £1.07, the cost of printing, for members of the public, schools and colleges. It also recommended that public libraries should receive copies free of charges.

The pamphlet, *What Price Hansard?*, co-authored by the Liberal Democrat peer Lord Lester of Herne Hill, Lindsay Mackie, a journalist, and Michael Renshall, a leading accountant, claimed that *Hansard* was the most expensive parliamentary record of the major democracies. Americans pay only a seventh of the price for the US Congressional Record, while the French pay one eighth for their parliamentary record.

"If the official report of debate in Parliament is diminished in importance by remaining largely unread and unexamined, an unaccountable executive becomes stronger and democratically elected members become weaker," the pamphlet says. "Parliamentarians increasingly talk only to themselves, and democracy suffers."

IN PARLIAMENT

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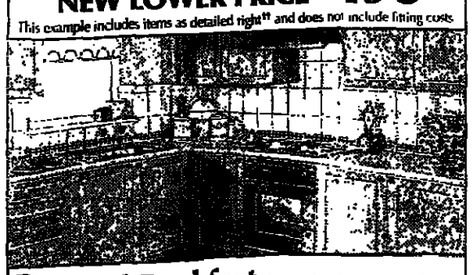
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BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Salov Leads

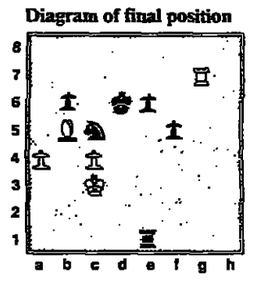
The Russian grandmaster Valery Salov holds the lead with 3.5 points after five rounds of the international tournament in Buenos Aires. The special feature of this tournament is that all games must start with the Sicilian Defence. Salov owes his lead mainly to his win against Judit Polgar, one of his closest rivals.

White: Judit Polgar
Black: Valery Salov
Buenos Aires, 1994

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	e6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	d6
6	g4	h6
7	g5	hxg5
8	Bxg5	Nc6
9	Bg2	Bd7
10	Nb3	a6
11	Qe2	Qc7
12	0-0-0	0-0-0
13	h4	Kb8
14	h5	Be7
15	f4	Ng8
16	Nd4	Bf6
17	Nf3	Nge7
18	Bxf6	gxf6
19	Qd2	Rh6
20	Qxd6	Qxd6
21	Rxd6	Kc7
22	e5	Rdh8
23	Rhd1	Bc8
24	Ne4	fxe5
25	Nxe5	Nxe5
26	bxe5	Nc6
27	Bf3	Nxe5
28	Be2	Rg8
29	b4	Bd7
30	Nc3	Rg2
31	R6d4	f5
32	Kb2	Rh7
33	Kb3	Rg3
34	Kb2	Rg2
35	Kb3	Rh2
36	a4	Rg7
37	b5	axb5
38	Nxb5+	Bxb5
39	Bxb5	Rxh5
40	Rd6	Rh1
41	R1d2	Rh2
42	R2d4	Rh1
43	Rd2	Re1
44	c4	Rg2
45	Rxg2	Kxd6
46	Rg7	b6
47	Kb4	Nd3+
48	Kc3	Nc5 White resigns

Diagram of final position



Buenos Aires Scores

The scores in Buenos Aires, one of the strongest tournaments of the year, after five rounds are: Salov 3.5, Karpov and Polgar 3, Anand 2.5, Ljubojevic, Ivanchuk, Shirov and Kamsky 2.

Guernsey

The top scores in the international tournament in Guernsey are Julian Hodgson, Bogdan Lalic and van Voorthuysen 4/4. Among those on 3.5 points is Britain's leading woman player, Susan Lalic.

More tournaments

The enthusiasm generated by the *Times* world championship last year has been followed by a big increase in the number of tournaments. One, the Richmond Chess Initiative competition, starts on Sunday, with Luke McShane, 10, as the leading attraction.

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Heseltine close to victory on PO sell-off

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

MICHAEL Heseltine is close to winning his Cabinet battle to privatise the Post Office.

Opposition within the Government to his plan to sell a majority stake in the Royal Mail is fading and key Cabinet ministers are lining up behind him.

The Board of Trade President, who is on a visit to the Far East, is to submit detailed proposals next week to the Cabinet's industrial committee, chaired by David Hunt, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. But the committee's deliberations will proceed on the basis that a 51 per cent sell-off of the Royal Mail and the parcels business Parcelforce remains Mr Heseltine's and the Government's preferred option, government sources have disclosed.

Mr Heseltine's decision in June to press for a 51 per cent flotation, rather than the full privatisation backed yesterday by the Institute of Directors, and to leave the Post Office Counters business in the public sector, appears to have won over Cabinet doubters, of whom the most prominent was Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary.

Mr Hurd is now reported to be in favour of the plan and there are signs that Tory business managers, initially sceptical about their ability to push it through the Commons, are being won over.

Richard Ryder, the chief whip, will have a crucial role in next week's decision but there are clear signs that Mr Heseltine's repeated assurances on universal delivery prices and the future of rural post offices have lessened objections.

Mr Heseltine is strongly backed by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor. Soundings taken by *The Times* suggest that a clear majority of Cabinet ministers back his plan. Most accept that the Government will have to meet the Post Office's own wish to be freed from the shackles of government control to enable it to compete against growing foreign competition.

The Prime Minister, Mr Heseltine and Mr Ryder decided earlier this month to delay the Cabinet decision until after the party conference. Significantly, however, there was no opposition from the conference floor to the privatisation proposal and all the speakers who referred to it were in favour. Mr Heseltine was warmly cheered as he extolled the benefits of privatisation.

Mr Major's warning in his rallying speech against what he called change for change's sake were not intended to be taken as a reference to his views on the Post Office, party sources say. Senior ministers are arguing strongly that if the sale is to go ahead it should be done immediately so that its benefits can be seen before the next election.

Michael Heron, the Post Office chairman, has called during the Government's consultation process for legislation to be introduced as soon as possible. He said that a privatised Royal Mail and Parcelforce would be able to compete on equal terms with foreign post offices and courier companies, but without change the business would go into decline.

Mr Heseltine has made it clear that he aims to make the Royal Mail as successful as British Telecom and British Airways. Ministers believe that the sale of the Royal Mail, which would be the biggest privatisation of Mr Major's premiership, could turn out to be one of the most popular of the Conservative years.



Jail sleazy MPs, says Ashdown

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ERRANT MPs would face fines of up to £20,000 or as long as three years in prison under proposals to crack down on political sleaze put forward yesterday by Paddy Ashdown.

The Liberal Democrat leader promised that reform of Parliament designed to restore public confidence in government and the political process would be a key part of his party's manifesto at the next election. He said Government and Parliament could no longer rely on 19th Century notions of gentlemanly behaviour to protect their reputations. Prime ministerial denials of misconduct or pledges to root out wrong-doing were insufficient.

"MPs feel that it is appropriate to do everything that is not specifically proscribed and is not illegal. Payments for questions are not illegal, but I think most people would regard it as thoroughly offensive. I happen to take a rather puritannical view that MPs should not have other jobs."

Mr Ashdown said that he was interested in tough legislation recently taken through the Irish parliament. The Irish Ethics in Public Office Bill creates a commission to adjudicate on complaints about public servants, and select committees to discipline MPs and senators. Politicians who fail to abide by the directions of the select committees, in areas such as declaration of personal or family business interests, face stiff penalities.

The House of Commons has not fined a member since 1666. In modern times suspension and expulsion have been its chief sanctions.

Mr Ashdown said: "We have got to take some practical commonsense steps in order to begin to create a framework in which we restore public trust in both the Government and this institution itself."

Mr Ashdown was supported at a Commons press conference by Lord Lester of Herne Hill QC, a Liberal Democrat peer and constitutional lawyer, who said that legislation similar to the Irish Bill was badly needed in Britain. He said research showed that there was widespread disagreement among MPs about what constituted ethical conduct and that the financial temptations placed in their path were growing.

Mr Ashdown and Lord Lester said that action was needed to give MPs an ethical compass and to make the "patronage state" — the undemocratic quangos spawned by the Tories — accountable to the public. Lord Lester said that the conduct of MPs was covered by a series of resolutions: rulings by the Speaker, recommendations by the Committee of Privileges and ill-defined notions of what constituted honourable behaviour.

"But these standards are not contained in a single authoritative source and there is no evidence that everyone feels bound by them. The parameters of ethical conduct remain hazy. MPs have almost nothing but an unwritten code upon which to rely.

"Parliament assumes that all MPs can be counted on to apply unwritten principles of honour and good judgment and so it grants this great discretion in resolving ethical dilemmas. Without strong monitoring and enforcement procedures, the entire edifice is susceptible to corrosion from within.

"The commercialisation of politics has accelerated greatly and the opportunities for any politician to be seduced by money are very much greater."



Lester: financial temptations increasing

Time to get serious about restoring faith in Parliament

MODEL CONSTITUTIONS

Is Parliament serious about restoring its reputation? The evidence so far is scanty. The farce over whether the Privileges Committee should take evidence in public shows that the old, exclusive attitudes have not changed much, at least on the Tory side. It is impossible to convince the public that everything is above board when evidence is taken in secret. But as important in the long term is a report published yesterday into the soaring price, and falling sales, of *Hansard*, the daily report on the debates of the Commons and Lords. This apparently arcane issue goes to the heart of whether Parliament really wants more people to know about its proceedings.

The report has been produced by the Hansard Society for Parliamentary Government, an independent all-party body, separate from the production of *Hansard* itself. However, Stephen King-Hall's original aim in founding the society 50 years ago was to popularise *Hansard*. By the late 1970s, sales of the daily Commons *Hansard* were about 6,500. But they are now only about 3,500. This is no puzzle, since the price has risen from 40p to £7.50 since then, a more than sevenfold increase in real terms. It is also seven to eight times what other countries pay for their similar reports.

This price is way beyond what ordinary voters and academics — and, even at concessionary rates, most libraries — can afford: 85 per cent of sales are to Whitehall and public bodies. So only a tiny number of people have access to *Hansard*. At the same time, newspapers have reduced coverage of debates so as to increase reports on other aspects of politics. These trends have only been partly offset by the arrival of the cameras since 1989.

This is not just a matter of public education. The decision of the Law Lords in Pepper v. Hart to allow *Hansard* to be used to interpret legislation has meant that it is now essential for lawyers.

Moreover, the increase in the price of the daily *Hansard* is reflected also in much higher prices for reports of committees and of statutes.

Parliament is not to blame, though MPs have not, so far, been as vigilant or active as they might be. The culprit is the Government, which, without any public announcement, phased out the previous subsidy to the Stationery Office. The new report provides MPs with the ammunition to reopen the issue — first, to find what the real costs of production are; and, then, to produce a new marketing policy to expand distribution.

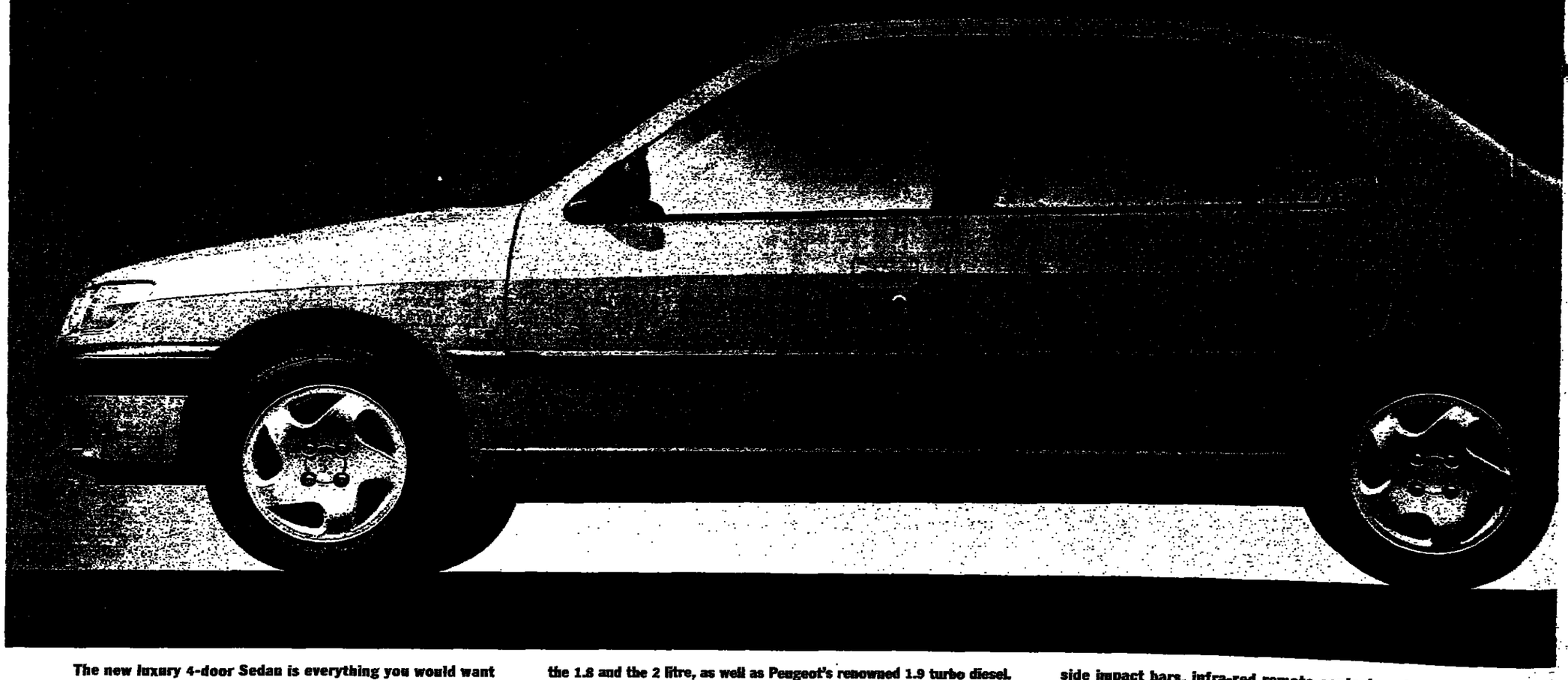
A new pricing structure is suggested to make *Hansard* available free to public libararies and at marginal cost to the public, schools and colleges. This would be the cost of extra copies after producing those for Parliament and Whitehall. At present, this would be just over £1, or about £1.50 if distribution costs are added. The jump in sales of *The Times* over the past year suggests that cutting prices can help sales. *Hansard* should also be made available on electronic information networks, though copyright problems would have to be tackled.

The new report is timely, if not overdue. If John Major and Tony Blair want to restore the credibility of Parliament, as both have said, they could make a start by endorsing the report. But it is only a first, small step. Much more can be done to make the Commons voter-friendly. Perhaps the society should sponsor a larger study into how to rebuild public trust in Parliament.

☐ *What Price Hansard?* by Lord Lester of Herne Hill, Lindsay Mackie and Michael Renshall (Hansard Society, St Philips Building North, Sheffield Street, London WC2A 2EX; £8)

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Kinnock set to take over as transport policymaker

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

NEIL Kinnock, the former Labour Party leader, looks likely to take over Europe's transport policy when he takes up his new job as a European Commissioner next year.

The portfolio, a demanding job that covers spending on big communications projects and supervision of airline deregulation, will also make Mr Kinnock responsible for such tricky policy areas as seat belts in coaches and ferry safety.

However, a bitter dogfight between Sir Leon Brittan, Britain's senior Commissioner, and his Dutch rival is threatening to hold up the share-out of jobs in the new European Commission.

Jacques Santer, who is due to replace Jacques Delors as President of the Commission in January and has already been dubbed "Jacques II", will need his much-vaunted skills as a conciliator. They will be stretched to the limit in the next few weeks as he tries to soothe the jealous intrigue that traditionally precedes the distribution of jobs among the commissioners.

The task this year, which needs to be completed by the end of the month, is harder than ever because the number of commissioners will increase by at least two — from the present 17 to 19, and possibly even to 21. The growth is caused by the arrival of new states in the European Union, each one entitled to a commissioner. Not enough work exists to keep even the present commissioners fully occupied.

The shortage of real work makes commissioners doubly reluctant to surrender pieces of jobs that they already hold. Sir Leon, who handles foreign trade and relations with Eastern Europe and Russia, is struggling to keep hold of as much of his portfolio as he can. The Dutch Commissioner now handling external political affairs, Hans van den Broek, wants to take over Eastern Europe and Russia.

Mr Santer wants four commissioners, instead of the present three, handling different geographical sections of the EU's foreign relations. Under his latest proposal, Sir Leon would handle only global trade and relations with industrialised countries. Mr van den Broek would look after Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. A third commissioner would handle Latin America, the Mediterranean and part of Asia. A fourth would deal with the Third World.

Besides promising almost as much confusion and backbiting in foreign affairs as over the past two years, this plan has unleashed a frantic round of negotiation to carve up the globe in increasingly ingenious combinations.

Sources in the Brittan and van den Broek camps are threatening not to agree on the sharing out before a dinner meeting of the new commissioners in Luxembourg on Saturday week and, if necessary, to delay the process until the end of the year.

The new Commission may take office behind schedule anyway because the European Parliament is insisting that it will not allow the Commission to take office until mid-January.

One potentially influential job is pencilled in for one of Spain's two commissioners, Marcelino Oreja, as the man in charge of developing the EU's decision-making machinery. France's commissioners will run economic and monetary policy and research and development.

French chefs whisk up crusade against unsavoury practice

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

FRANCE is a sea of chefs' hats this week as thousands of culinary artists, from the great Paul Bocuse to lowly apprentices, have left their kitchens to battle the ignorance that is deemed to be threatening the nation's gastronomic supremacy.

The chefs are the front line in *La Semaine du Goût*, an exercise involving 10,000 "gastronomic events" from the Mediterranean to the English Channel, television appearances and, most importantly, visits to 1,600 primary schools. In these, M Bocuse, Joel Robuchon, Bernard Loiseau and many other guardians of the national palate are trying to teach children of the Coke and fish fingers generation the difference between a Big Mac and *un magret de canard*.

France is as anxious about fading culinary standards these days as it is over its limping film industry or the pollution of its language. At the upper end, the priests of haute cuisine are aghast at the invasion of some of the finest tables by habits from the other side of the Alps.

"The Italian trend in French cuisine is spreading like an oil slick, olive oil, of course," Alain Ducasse of the Louis XV, a three-Michelin-star establishment in Monaco, lamented the other day. Partly to blame is the craze for health and simplicity which is driving out the butter that rules the Gallic kitchen.

But there was some relief in the temples of gastronomy this week when Patricia Wells, the influential American food critic, anointed six French restaurants in her league of the world's best ten, though only three were inside France. M Robuchon's Paris establishment came top.

There is widespread chagrin over what is seen as the coarsening of taste that has come with working mothers, deep freezes, television, and hypermarkets.

"We must have the courage to speak out," *L'Evenement du Jeudi* magazine said this week. "When they do not know they are doing it, the French do not give a damn about eating badly."

The French palate, it recalled, is the "rampart of the most prestigious socio-cultural heritage of humanity and it deserves a more effective fate than the Maginot line".

Abundant statistics testify to the decline. More than 60 per cent of French citizens, for example, cannot make mayonnaise. Alarmed by a Brussels campaign to kill off live Camembert, two thirds of the French believe the European Union will destroy ancient French products.



Paul Bocuse outside his celebrated three-Michelin-star restaurant in Lyon

Yeltsin springs to defence of Prime Minister

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin yesterday dismissed rumours that he is about to sack Viktor Chernomyrdin, describing them as "a real red herring". He said he had complete confidence in the Prime Minister.

Mr Chernomyrdin's press spokesman described his reaction to reports of his resignation as unprintable. One such report was carried on Tuesday night by the radio station Moscow Echo, citing sources in both Mr Yeltsin's and Mr Chernomyrdin's offices. Both swiftly denied the report. Mr Chernomyrdin will be in Russia's delegation to the CIS summit in Moscow tomorrow.

The Prime Minister does, however, face a difficult week. Next Tuesday, he may well be defeated in a vote of confidence in the Duma, and if that happens, Mr Yeltsin may opt to sacrifice Mr Chernomyrdin after a face-saving delay. In this scenario, the President would rely on the report of the commission appointed to investigate the rouble crisis if this report criticises the government.

The resignation rumours have been fuelled by Mr Chernomyrdin's failure to return to Moscow in time to greet the Queen on her arrival. The Moscow press is speculating openly about Mr Chernomyrdin's imminent political demise. The *Nezavisimaya Gazeta* newspaper wrote yesterday that "many observers believe that Oleg Soskovets is already in effect acting premier", referring to the politician with close links to industry and seen as the most likely successor.

Mr Chernomyrdin's position was boosted this year by what seemed to be his successful economic policy. This earned him Western praise.

This success now looks questionable, however. The reduction of inflation was won only at the cost of throttling payments and subsidies to industry and the military. The result was an immense overhang of unpaid debt, and a cut in military spending so savage that last month the Russian strategic missile forces briefly had their electricity cut off for not paying their bills. "Of course we can control inflation," a Russian official said with black humour. "All we have to do is to stop paying anyone their wages."

NEWS IN BRIEF

US tepid on Korea accord

Washington: America's deal with North Korea to end that country's nuclear weapons programme received only mixed reviews yesterday (Martin Fletcher writes).

The Washington Post labelled it potentially a "gigantic breakthrough" and *The New York Times* a "resounding triumph" for diplomacy. But critics said that the US appears to be offering North Korea a $4 billion (£2.5 billion) reward for threatening to leave the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and bolstering Kim Jong Il, North Korea's new leader.

Poll fraud claim

Belgrade: Opposition parties in Macedonia accused the government of fraud in Sunday's poll and demanded new elections. They said they would not take part in second-round voting due on October 30.

Official killed

Moscow: Vladimir Turusin, a deputy director at a nuclear fuel manufacturing plant in Ozersk, a closed Urals city, has been killed, perhaps murdered, the atomic energy ministry said. *(Reuter)*

New consulate

Hong Kong: British firm John Laings and its Hong Kong partner won a £22.6 million contract to build Britain's newest and biggest consulate, before the colony reverts to Chinese rule in 1997. *(AFP)*

Fatal protest

Cairo: Yasser Kamal Salem, 12, hanged himself in a poor district here to protest at his father's 11 marriages which had left the family destitute. The boy lived with 22 brothers and sisters. *(AFP)*

Philby book

Moscow: A book by Genrikh Borovik, a Moscow journalist, says that Kim Philby's Soviet controllers thought at one point during the war that he was a triple agent working for the British. *(Reuter)*

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Attacks put pressure on Israeli leadership to show benefits of accord


Netanyahu: pledged to freeze peace process

By Christopher Walker
Middle East Correspondent

The bomb which yesterday ripped through the heart of Tel Aviv's most fashionable shopping street came as no surprise to Israeli or moderate Palestinian leaders who have been expecting an upsurge of Islamic terror as extremists try to derail the peace process.

As Uri Dromi, the Israeli government spokesman and a former air force pilot was quick to argue, the closer Israel comes to reaching the elusive goal of a comprehensive regional settlement, the more desperate the men of violence will become in their efforts to sabotage such a deal.

Israel's main right-wing opposition Likud Party has repeatedly made the point that more Israelis were killed by Palestinian terrorists in the first year since the signing of the accord with the Palestine Liberation Organisation in September, 1993 than in the 12 months preceding it.

Even before yesterday's attack sent shock waves throughout the Middle East, Israeli opinion polls have shown that the militants have made their mark. Support for Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, has been waning while Benjamin Netanyahu, the much younger Likud leader, has been gaining support. "Bibi" as Likud's successor to Yitzhak Shamir is known, has pledged to freeze the peace process with the PLO and never to hand back the occupied Golan Heights to Syria as demanded as a *sine qua non* of peace by President Assad. And as liberal politicians in Israel have pointed out, hardline Jews and Muslims share a common desire to wreck the peace process.

ARAB EXTREMISM

The right wing claims, as it always has, that the only argument the Arabs understand is force. Against that, Mr Rabin has been battling to convince the electorate that without peace with Syria, Israel will be facing a new Middle East war within a matter of years.

The Islamic militants in the occupied West Bank and the newly-autonomous Gaza Strip, notably those from Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, and Islamic Jihad, have concentrated their campaign inside Israel proper since the massacre on February 25 of 30 Palestinian worshippers at the mosque in Hebron by a Jewish extremist.

The militants have justified their new campaign of suicide attacks in Israel as "an eye for an eye" revenge for the Hebron attack. But a less often stated reason for switching attacks to the streets of Israel proper is the effect it has on Jewish public opinion.

Ironically for the Rabin government, intelligence reports have shown that the Hamas suicide bombers learnt their techniques in Lebanon during the period of exile when Israel expelled more than 400 suspected Islamic militants — most of them from Gaza — to a no man's land in the south of the country.

When the Israeli-PLO accord was first signed amid fanfare and hope on the White House lawn, the main fear was that Palestinian in-fighting in Gaza could degenerate into all-out civil war. Increasingly ugly street protests in Gaza since last week's kidnapping and bungled rescue of an Israeli soldier have raised that spectre once again.

The ill-feeling between the Islamic opposition groups and the PLO-dominated Palestinian Authority is being stoked by the increasing pressure from Mr Rabin on Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, to take action to restrain Hamas. Local residents in Gaza claim that if the PLO continues imprisoning large numbers of Hamas suspects, the resentment — often between members of the same family — could break out into open conflict.

Against this background of spiralling Islamic violence, Palestinian moderates feel more and more cornered. On one side, they have seen Jordan steal their thunder over the Muslim holy places in east Jerusalem, and on the other, they have as yet little in the way of concrete benefits to show the one million Palestinians in Gaza and Jericho. Branded as "traitors" by Hamas, the PLO can now only hope that international aid will soon pour in to counter the gut support for Islamic extremists.

Rabin 'will not be deflected from search for peace'

By Michael Binyon and Tunku Varadarajan

YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, said yesterday day before leaving London that neither he nor Israel would be deflected from the search for peace. But he gave a warning that terror attacks on Israel undermined public support for him and his government's search for agreement with its Arab neighbours.

He insisted that Israel would continue to take all necessary measures to contain terrorism in the territories under its control. He expected the Palestine Liberation Organisation to do the same in the new administrative zones of Gaza and Jericho.

Acknowledging the deadly threat to the peace process posed by a new terror campaign, he said the sense of insecurity felt by Israelis was the most obvious and justifiable obstacle to peace. "Whenever there is an act of terror, there are a lot of accusations against me: 'You brought it upon us.' There is no doubt that this has shifted the whole of public opinion against the continuation of the peace process, and this is the aim of the terror groups."

He was careful not to criticise Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, over the latest attack, but acknowledged that the real weakness of the PLO was its lack of experience in running the day-to-day affairs of the community and its failure to raise the necessary funds to finance the Gaza and Jericho entities. "Arafat has never been in a position where he is responsible for feeding, finding jobs and taking care of education."

These failings would inevitably delay the implementation of Israel's handover of power in the agreed areas in the rest of the occupied West Bank to the Palestinians.

JERUSALEM REACTION

Israel, he suggested, was nevertheless keen to go ahead with early empowerment: "I have no interest in running Palestinian schools."

Mr Rabin ruled out hot pursuit by Israeli forces into Gaza in any future incident. But he justified his initial call on Mr Arafat to order a search for Sergeant Nachson Wachsman, the kidnapped Israeli soldier killed during a rescue attempt last week, and clampdown on Hamas, the extremist Muslim group, believing the soldier was being held in Gaza. "When I found we were wrong, we shifted responsibility from Arafat and I made my decision to try to rescue the soldier." He criticised Syria's apparent support of Palestinian rejectionists and emphasised the links between Damascus and Iran. He rejected Syria's sharp criticism of the recent Israeli-Jordanian peace accord and attributed it to pique on the part of President Assad in not being the first to sign a peace treaty and control the direction of other Arab states' negotiations.

Mr Rabin said that peace with Syria, as with all other Arab countries, could be achieved only by direct, bilateral talks. That was not yet possible with Syria, although Mr Rabin thanked Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, for his efforts as an intermediary.

He denied, however, any formal approaches from Iraq on starting negotiations with Israel. There had been no direct overtures, although there were rumours that some Iraqis had been in touch with individual Israelis. But Mr Rabin said that Israel would have nothing to do with Baghdad and fully supported President Clinton's policy of the containment of Iraq and Iran.

Angry and shaken by the scale of the casualties in yesterday's bombing, Mr Rabin suggested that Israel was still in a better position than Britain in its fight against the IRA. "We have a political agreement, although there is still violence: Britain and Ireland have achieved a ceasefire, but without a political agreement. I would prefer the former."

Mr Rabin's departure only a day after his arrival meant he had to cancel several engagements, but he managed to keep a brief appointment with Tony Blair, the Labour leader.

Rifkind to be shown missiles

BRITAIN will seriously consider buying an Israeli air-to-ground missile for the RAF after the lifting last May of the arms embargo against Israel. Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, said yesterday (Michael Evans writes).

Mr Rifkind, who leaves today for a visit to Israel, is expected to be shown the Israeli Popeye missile during his trip. He said any decision to buy Popeye would depend on its price and whether it met the RAF's requirements, "not on political criteria". It will face competition from other missile makers, the minister added. He hopes his visit will also encourage Israel to buy British military equipment.


A wounded woman is lifted from the wreckage of the bus after the Tel Aviv blast. The armed wing of Hamas claimed responsibility

'Savage act' denounced by leaders

By Our Foreign Staff

BOUTROS Boutros Ghali, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, condemned the bombing as a "savage act of terrorism" and hoped it would not disrupt negotiations between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

President Clinton, who helped to broker the 1993 peace accord between Israel and the PLO, called the explosion "an outrage against the conscience of the world". He said: "The terrorists who committed this act are enemies of that peace and enemies of all those who are working to create a better future for the people of the region."

In Rome, **the Pope** called the attack an "act of deplorable violence", and hoped fervently that it would not derail the peace process.

In Europe, leaders expressed their sympathy to Israel over the attack. **President Klestil** of Austria said he was "shocked at the horrible terrorist attack on bus passengers".

Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, sent his condolences to the relatives of the victims and the people of Israel. He added: "I hope that the Israeli government and all others working for balance and co-operation in the region do not allow the extremist violence to divert them from their path towards peace."

In Paris, a Foreign Ministry spokesman voiced horror at the Tel Aviv attack, describing it as a cowardly act.

Moderates angry as fanatics turn Islam into West's new bogeyman

By Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor

EVERY time a Muslim terrorist throws a bomb or kills a Western tourist, he adds another brick to the wall of hostility between Islam and the West. Increasingly, the activities of a tiny minority acting in the name of a supposed "fundamentalist" interpretation of their religion are defining and damaging the perception of Islam among non-Muslims.

The Hamas attack on a Tel Aviv bus was part of an upsurge in Muslim terrorism in the Middle East. In Egypt, police yesterday shot dead eight Muslim militants who opened fire in the southern town of Assiut, and three gunmen shot two civilian guards. A gang murdered at least two foreign oil workers — an Italian and a Frenchman — on an oilfield near Batna in Algeria, the Italian Foreign Ministry said yesterday, in the kind of attack blamed on Islamic extremists. A Somali oil worker may also have died. On Tuesday, in Algiers, security forces shot dead a Moroccan suspected of being a Muslim militant. More than 10,000 people have been killed in the past two years of virtual civil war between the army-backed government and the banned Islamic Salvation Front (FIS).

In Saudi Arabia demonstrators calling for the overthrow of the royal family and demanding an "Islamic" government have been arrested. Elsewhere in the Gulf, North Africa, Turkey and even beyond the Muslim world, there have been threats by terrorists acting in the name of Islam.

The backlash is predictable; Yitzhak Rabin yesterday denounced the suicide tactics of political extremism that allies itself with religious fanaticism, something he said almost any government was powerless to prevent without draconian restrictions of ordinary Muslims. In Egypt, police interrogate any young man with a beard who is known to attend mosques.

Muslims across the world have reacted with outrage to what they see as a growing hostility towards their religion and its one billion adherents. They accuse the West of demonising Islam as the new ideological challenge to the West after communism. They say that the very word "fundamentalist" is a slander against the entire religion — "Any good Muslim who obeys the precepts of his religion is a fundamentalist," one Muslim said at a recent conference in Britain on Islam and the West. But the "fundamentalists", however they are known, have set the agenda and present Muslim governments with a dilemma. For few governments, in an age when concern about the suffocating blanket of Western influence is producing a popular yearning for a return to Islamic roots, dare challenge the radicals on theological or political grounds.

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Islam has become extremely defensive; there is little innovative inquiry in al-Azhar University, among the religious elders (*ulema*), or in intellectual circles. Few political leaders dare say that much "fundamentalist" thought is half-baked. And on political grounds, many are hesitant to challenge a movement that flourishes especially among the poor, the have-nots and the less educated, and which represents a formidable political challenge to the establishment.

Some governments, such as Egypt's, are determined to crush the movement by force while quietly adopting some trappings of the new puritanism: others, such as Jordan, have decided to enfranchise the Muslim Brotherhood, rally Islamic moderates and build a new theological college to train preachers.

But all governments run up against deeply held beliefs and attitudes: the notion of "martyrdom" has been hijacked by political extremists who can use it to sanction suicide attacks on "infidel" targets; the common equation of "the West" with decadence, crime and the disintegration of Western — especially American — values gives the hardliners a strong hand and makes any political identification with the West somehow "un-Islamic".

Hamas draws on political frustration with the peace process: Yassir Arafat is ready for a political, but not a religious confrontation. To any Muslim brought up on the idea of an "*umma*", or international Muslim community, condemnation of a brand of Islam claiming to be purer than modern compromises with the West is emotionally almost impossible. That is what gives the political-religious nexus its force; and that, unfortunately, is why it appears to challenge the otherwise good interfaith relations between Christianity and Islam.

Travel industry unruffled

By Harvey Elliott and Marianne Curphey

AS TELEVISION pictures of the carnage in Tel Aviv were beamed round the world yesterday, Israeli and British government officials and most of the travel industry remained optimistic that tourism would continue to grow.

Roby Harly, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in London, said: "The attack was not against tourists and we hope it is an isolated occurrence. So far the public appears to be very understanding and have not expressed any wish to cancel trips to Israel." Lee Silverman, of the Israeli airline El Al, said: "It is business as usual. The terrible truth is that bombs do go off in cities from time to time."

TOURISM

Keith Betton, of the Association of British Travel Agents, said there was no reason for tour operators to cancel their programmes. The Foreign Office stopped short of warning against travel to the region and said there had been no direct attacks on foreigners or threats against tourists.

Thomson, the British tour operator, said its Holy Land tour, which passes through Tel Aviv, had not been affected. Airtours, which launches its Israel programme with a flight from Manchester to Eilat on November 1, said it would be "monitoring events closely".

Visitors have been flocking to Israel since the peace initiative: in the eight months to August, 1,208,000 were registered. Just over 120,000 were from Britain, and 334,824 from the United States and Canada.



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Clinton goes abroad to help party in elections

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

JUST days before the key mid-term elections in which the Republicans could seize control of Congress, President Clinton will spend next week campaigning for beleaguered Democratic candidates not in Rhode Island, Michigan and Iowa, but in Israel, Jordan and Kuwait.

Two years after he won power by denouncing George Bush's obsession with foreign policy and promising to focus on America's domestic problems, Mr Clinton has decided the best way he can help his party's candidates is by steering clear of them and highlighting recent foreign policy successes instead.

Next Wednesday he will attend the signing of the Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty that his Administration helped to broker. From there he will go to Kuwait to congratulate the American troops whose recent rapid deployment persuaded President Saddam Hussein to withdraw his massed troops from the Iraqi-Kuwait border. Stops in Syria and Egypt are also being considered on what is likely to be the most extensive Middle East tour by any American President since Richard Nixon's 20 years ago.

Mr Clinton's decision to leave the country at such a critical time divided his advisers, but they finally agreed that he would probably do more for his party by going than staying. In the Middle East Mr Clinton can trumpet some successes — albeit foreign policy ones — consort with other world leaders, and appear thoroughly presidential. His presence at home would remind voters more of domestic policy failures such as healthcare reform, and of how much they dislike him personally. Precious few Democrats have asked the President to campaign for them; in Dearborn, Michigan, Mr Clinton held a campaign rally last week at which not a single Democratic candidate was willing to appear on stage with him.

At the same time the Democrats' Republican opponents have spared no efforts to link the Democratic candidates with him. In Pennsylvania, commercials for Walter Jones, a Republican, show Martin Lancaster, a Democratic congressman, jogging with Mr Clinton.

Republicans who can produce no such pictures resort to "morphing" — using computer technology to show their Democratic opponents' faces gradually metamorphosing into Mr Clinton's.

The President's unprecedented decision to leave the country so soon before the elections provoked mirth at the Republican party's headquarters. Haley Barbour, the Republican party chairman, commented: "I understand some of the Democrat candidates have called in and said while he's over there why doesn't he go on to India and China and come back about November 9." The elections are on November 8.

Frank Luntz, a pollster who works for the Republican party, said: "President Clinton does good by going abroad, by avoiding doing harm by staying home."

☐ New York: The Palestinian Liberation Organisation's observer to the United Nations, Nasser al-Kidwa, called yesterday for changes in the peace agreement to be signed by Israel and Jordan because it seems to give Jordan a special role as guardian of Islamic holy places in east Jerusalem. *(Reuter)*



A man wading through the flood to safety, carrying his 11-month old granddaughter in a plastic wrap, while his wife leads their dog

Lone Star leader struggles to uproot Shrub

FROM IAN BRODIE IN LUBBOCK, TEXAS

ANN Richards, the "good ol' girl" of American politics, is in the race of her life. A Democrat, she is running for re-election as Governor of Texas against George W. Bush, a Republican and the eldest son of the former President.

Yet on a local radio programme for women the other day she chatted casually about hymns, wedding rings, her hairdo — which looks like a whirl of white candyfloss, grandchildren and what she called the getting-out-of-the-car shot. As she explained: "It's the moment photographers wait for, when your skirt rides up as you climb out of a car."

None of that seemed immediately relevant to running the Lone Star state, but Mrs Richards knows her Texas. To win, she must hang on to her legions of women voters, especially older ones such as Mattie Dellenger, the hostess of the programme, who is 83. The Governor was deftly reminding Mattie's listeners that she is one of them and they need to keep her at the helm.

Outside Texas, Mrs Richards is looked on as a celebrity who should win in a trice. At home, she is a victim of America's swelling anti-incumbent and anti-liberal mood. She complains that her record is distorted by Mr Bush, a buoyant Houston businessman who has never held office.

She derides him as "all hat and no cattle". On one occasion she called him a "jerk". Her followers hand out bumper stickers saying: "Don't elect the son-of-a-Bush". They call him "Shrub".

Mrs Richards sprang to fame by mocking Mr Bush senior. "Poor George," she proclaimed at the 1988 Democratic convention, her Texan

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twang dripping with sarcasm, "he can't help it. He was born with a silver foot in his mouth." Many wonder if George W. is running against Mrs Richards just to get even for dad. He denies it.

Mrs Richards no longer belittles the former President who is widely admired in Texas, his adopted home state. Poor George is now a "beloved figure who rightfully deserves our respect". Her frustration lies in having to run against a man with the same name. Polls put them in a dead heat with less than three weeks to election day, November 8. Both claim to have momentum. Both warn their volunteers that it will be a tough, close fight to the end, and both are struggling to round up the undecideds.

Mrs Richards's roots are in rural west Texas where her father was a lorry driver. She was married for 30 years to a civil rights lawyer, brought up four children and served in local government. She blames her divorce in part on being an alcoholic; she stopped drinking in 1980. Now 61, she is often accompanied by Bud Shrake, a writer referred to by Texas newspapers as the "first consort".

With her warm smile and tart tongue, the Governor is a peculiarly Texan mix of butter and steel. A recent biography was entitled *The Thorny Rose of Texas*.

She wears an aquamarine ring that precisely matches her cold blue eyes. She is made up like an ageing film star, but cannot conceal the deep lines etched into her face from the years of hard drinking and harsh Texas sun. A photograph of her in a white leather jumpsuit astride her Harley-Davidson earned her the lasting nickname of "White Hot Mama".

Ten swept to death by Texas floods

BY IAN BRODIE

TEN people were killed and more than 10,000 evacuated from their homes as three days of torrential rain caused record flooding in Houston and southeast Texas.

One victim was a two-month-old baby who slipped from his father's grasp as the man struggled to pull himself from swirling waters that had trapped his car and almost claimed him, his wife and their two-year-old son. Most deaths were the result of vehicles being swept off roads by flash floods.

President Clinton declared a disaster area across 26 counties, opening the way for low-interest government loans. Ann Richards, Governor of Texas, asked him for help after touring the scene and ordering out reservists of the National Guard for rescue work. She suspended campaigning in her tight race for re-election in three weeks against George W. Bush, son of the former President, who also visited flood victims.

Weather forecasters said more than 30 inches of rain from tropical storm Rosa deluged the area and caused flooding that can be expected only once every 100 years. Rivers and creeks rose several feet above their high-water mark, inundating thousands of homes north of Houston. Crews in helicopters and boats plucked survivors from rooftops. Others were rescued after clinging to trees for hours. The Red Cross opened 25 shelters.

Closer to the centre of Houston, America's fourth-largest city, stretches of motorways and other roads were impassable, leaving thousands of motorists stranded. Workers at the Nasa space centre were told to stay home but preparations for next month's shuttle were unlikely to be affected.

By yesterday, the rains had eased off. Those returning home in rural districts faced a new hazard: snakes, some deadly, had taken refuge under eaves and in cupboards.

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Baghdad bomb blast damages religious offices

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN BAGHDAD

IRAQ'S Ministry of Religious Affairs was damaged by a powerful bomb blast in Baghdad yesterday, a local television station reported.

The programme showed several people being carried into ambulances outside the ministry after the morning explosion. No official casualty figure was available. Nearby houses were also damaged, it said.

Foreign reporters were not allowed to visit the scene. Several hours after the blast the official INA news agency had made no mention of it. In the past year, three people have been wounded and one killed in similar incidents in the Iraqi capital.

The television station which reported the explosion is run by President Saddam Hussein's son, Uday. It did not blame any group for the attack. The government has blamed Iranian agents for previous bombings.

The attack came as Iraqi engineers were putting the final touches on the reconstruction of the city's July 14th suspension bridge, destroyed nearly four years ago by American-led coalition warplanes. The bridge is the last physical scar of the Gulf War.

It is now almost impossible to detect any outward signs of damage. The communications centres, which were also destroyed, have been reconstructed to be bigger and taller than before, buildings and bridges have been repaired and, for good measure, a new double-decker bridge is now open, named fittingly after the man who ordered its construction, Saddam.

While the reconstruction is a tribute to Iraqi ingenuity, the outward appearances of Baghdad do not tell the whole tragic story of the capital, where the consequences of the conflict, and in particular the effects of four years of sanctions, have left an indelible scar on the long-suffering population.

Once a city lavished with the best facilities that Iraq's huge oil wealth could buy, the capital is today a Third World slum of open sewage. On the city's popular riverside corniche, where couples once strolled in the evening, packs of wild dogs patrol unchallenged. The Modif restaurant, formerly a popular haunt for everyone from Western businessmen to Abu Abbas, the Palestinian guerrilla leader, is a dive, where even the presence of a rat failed to elicit a response from the proprietor.

It is, however, in the very areas where the state once boasted that it provided its people with the best services money could buy that the changes, brought upon by Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990, are most dramatic. At the Yarmouk hospital, the largest training hospital in Baghdad, staff have become adept at cannibalising and re-using equipment to keep the facility going.

While the problems at the hospital might be rectified, if Iraq agreed to sell some of its oil through the United Nations in exchange for medical supplies, such a move would not cure the pathetic scenes at the city's street markets. Here, respectable heads of middle-class families, used to well-paid jobs, are reduced to selling watches, music systems and just about anything they can carry to the street corner known as the "Thieves Market". "I am selling this watch because I need to feed my family . . . it is as simple as that," said Muhammad Mardan, who hopes to trade the watch, bearing Saddam's portrait, for 7,000 Iraqi dinars, about £5.

Like many government employees he has seen hyper-inflation, running at about 1,000 per cent, reduce his salary to the equivalent of about £4 a month.

The pressure building up from a ground swell of discontent should logically dictate that Saddam will, sooner rather than later, be forced to accept the terms of the UN resolutions and press for an easing of sanctions. Logic is, however, still in short supply. With the pressure on, so far the Iraqi leader's only decisive moves have been characteristically brutal. To influence the UN he sent tanks back to the Kuwait border.

As for meeting the UN's requirements, that he recognise Kuwait and allow weapons inspectors to monitor and destroy his arms of mass destruction, Saddam is still keeping the world guessing about his true intentions.

"The country may be falling apart and the people may be hurting but there is no serious challenge to his authority," said a diplomat. "He can do what he likes, and the people have learnt to live with it."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kashmiri released

THE Indian government has freed Shabir Ahmed Shah, a separatist leader in the disputed province of Kashmir (Tunku Varadarajan writes).

Mr Shah, the chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir People's League, has spent nearly half his life in various Indian prisons.

Rebels routed

Urus-Martan, Russia: At least 25 people died when forces loyal to President Dudayev, the separatist leader of Chechenia, seized this rebel base. *(Reuter)*

Award review

Wellington: The New Zealand government has decided to review the honours system in the wake of the Prime Minister's statement that he wants the country to be a republic. *(AFP)*

Gambler loses

Hong Kong: The chairman of the Chinese-owned but Hong Kong-based Yuehai Packing Co was executed in Guangzhou for embezzling millions of yuan of company funds to gamble. *(AFP)*



Filipinos enjoying the spectacle as American troops re-enact the assault led by General Douglas MacArthur against Japanese forces on October 20, 1944 at Dulag beach in central Leyte province. The battle marked the victory of US and Philippine troops over the Japanese

Hungry Rwandans 'lured to slaughter'

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

RWANDA'S victorious army lured hungry civilians to a public meeting in the north-western town of Gishara with a promise to feed the men, women and children who gathered there, and then opened fire with guns and grenades, according to Amnesty International.

Hundreds and perhaps thousands of civilians and returning refugees have been killed by Rwanda Patriotic Front troops, the rights group claims, as the soldiers have consolidated their conquest of former government-held areas. Although the scale of mass killings is small compared with the 500,000 deaths blamed on the Hutu-dominated army of the former government, the violence is delaying a return to normality in the country, the organisation says in a report published today.

The publication comes less than a week after Oxfam criticised the international community and the United Nations, accusing them of worsening the Hutu-engineered genocide in Rwanda through complacency. While tens of thousands of troops have been massed in the Gulf to confront President Saddam Hussein, only 40 human rights monitors have been deployed in Rwanda.

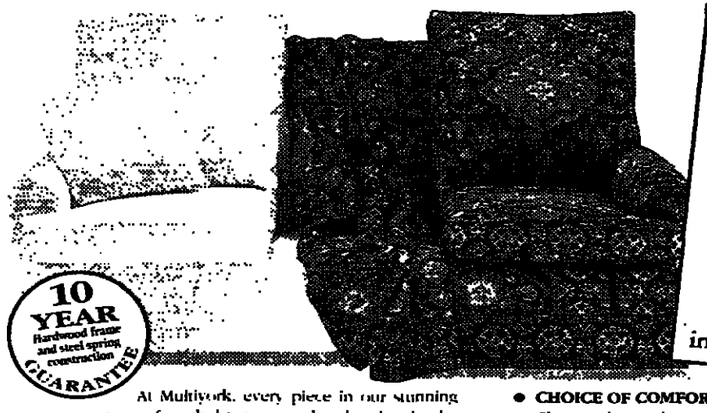
"If the new government, in power since July, fails to investigate killings by its own security forces, fails to report publicly on the findings and fails to take action to prosecute those responsible, then we will conclude that the government condones such murderous acts," Amnesty says. One 56-year-old survivor of the Gishara killings, in April, told Amnesty: "We had been told that men, women and children must attend. They said they would kill hippos for us and needed some representatives from among us to go hunting with the soldiers. Twelve of us were taken behind a house . . . and they said they wanted to talk to us. They asked us to indicate who among us knew how to shoot or was a soldier. We said that none of us knew how to shoot and that all the soldiers had left. All of a sudden we heard a grenade explosion." The survivor said dozens of people were killed, including his wife, his ten-year-old son and 20-year old daughter, and a nun.

Amnesty has asked the new government to comment on witnesses' evidence of reported killings between April and August, but has not received a response. "There is clear evidence of deliberate and arbitrary killings and summary executions carried out by the Rwanda Patriotic Army when they gained control of successive regions of Rwanda and, finding evidence of genocide committed against their supporters or relatives, took indiscriminate revenge on unarmed Hutu civilians," Amnesty says.

The rights group accuses the international community of "making excuses for the new Rwandese authorities and turning a blind eye to human rights violations committed by [its] soldiers on the ground that they are not as serious as those committed by its predecessor". Amnesty says it realises there is a risk that its report could be used as propaganda by supporters of the former government. But it says it is unacceptable to dismiss without proper investigations the reports of abuses by the victorious soldiers.

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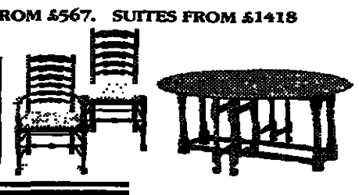
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US hints at deal to end arms ban on Bosnia

By Martin Fletcher in Washington and Eve-Ann Prentice, Diplomatic Correspondent

THE Clinton Administration yesterday began pressing the UN Security Council to back a resolution lifting the arms embargo against Bosnia's Muslims next spring, but hinted at a possible compromise to overcome deep British, French and Russian opposition.

America might agree to a watering-down of the US resolution allowing the UN to review the situation in Bosnia in six months' time, rather than agree now that the embargo should be lifted automatically at that point, Mike McCurry, the State Department spokesman, suggested.

The American move comes as the United Nations peacekeepers, who oppose lifting the arms embargo, were being squeezed on all sides. Facing animosity and taunts from Bosnian Muslims and Serbs, and from Nato which is pressing for a tougher airstrike policy, the UN said it was running out of fuel because of a Serb blockade and gave a warning of "extremely strong action" to rectify the situation.

The peacekeepers also admitted they had failed to persuade Muslim-led Bosnian government troops to leave the demilitarised zone outside Sarajevo by yesterday — a deadline set by Serb forces who are threatening to do the job themselves. Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, the commander of UN troops in Bosnia, indicated he would pull his troops out of the demilitarised zone unless the Bosnian soldiers withdrew.

In Brussels, Nato ambassadors met to consider the UN's refusal to give the alliance a freer rein in calling airstrikes. Willy Claes, the Nato Secretary-General, spoke of the danger of "a worsening of the conflict, both in humanitarian and military terms".

Washington hinted at a softer line in seeking an end of the embargo against the Muslim-led Bosnian government when Mr McCurry said: "The question is how firm the six-month date is. Is it automatic, saying we will lift it automatically, or more conditional? I suspect our draft resolution will be more automatic. We will have a harder trigger. As we go into the Security Council deliberations, the issue will be if we can get Security Council approval by adjusting the trigger." He suggested hostility to lifting the embargo might have faded by spring if the Serbs had not accepted the peace plan.

Putting pressure on the allies, Dee Dee Myers, the White House Press Secretary, reiterated that the Administration would still consider unilaterally disregarding the embargo if the Security Council had failed by November 15 to accept any US resolution aimed at lifting it.

President Izetbegovic's Muslim-led government in Bosnia yesterday refused to withdraw the last 500 of its men from the demilitarised zone near Sarajevo, prompting the threat from the United Nations Protection Force to withdraw its peacekeepers. "We have to consider whether it's prudent to keep Unprofor forces in a position where they can no longer continue the job they have been doing because of the intransigence of the Bosnian government," said Colonel Tim Spicer, a spokesman for General Rose.



Faye Resnick, right, now in hiding after the publication of her book, with O. J. Simpson and his wife in 1993

Book on Simpson's ex-wife halts trial

From Ben Macintyre in New York

THE trial of O. J. Simpson has been suspended while the judge decides whether a new book claiming that Mr Simpson threatened to kill his former wife three months before her death has jeopardised his chances of a fair trial.

Judge Lance Ito of the Los Angeles District Court told 80 prospective jurors on Tuesday to go home, warning them to "stay out of bookstores" and avoid television, radio or newspapers, after he was handed a copy of *Nicole Brown Simpson: The Private Diary of a Life Interrupted*, by Faye Resnick, a close friend of the dead woman.

The judge, suspending jury selection until today, said the book "caused the court great concern about the ability of Mr Simpson to get a fair trial" and he needed to consult other authorities. Judge Ito also refused to exclude key blood samples, despite defence protests.

In the book Ms Resnick, who is now in hiding, claims that Mr Simpson told her to take a warning to his former wife that he would kill her if she slept with another man. She quotes Mr Simpson as saying: "If she's with another man, I'll kill her. You tell her she'd better play her role and look like my wife."

The former football star and actor has pleaded not guilty to the murders of his former wife and Ronald Goldman, her friend, on June 12. The judge may decide that potential jurors should be kept incommunicado or he may postpone the trial indefinitely.



The book that could deny Mr Simpson a fair trial

Flight of hope for macaws

From AFP in Rio de Janeiro

THE last known female small blue macaw will be freed from captivity to mate with the last male of the same species, Brazilian biologists say.

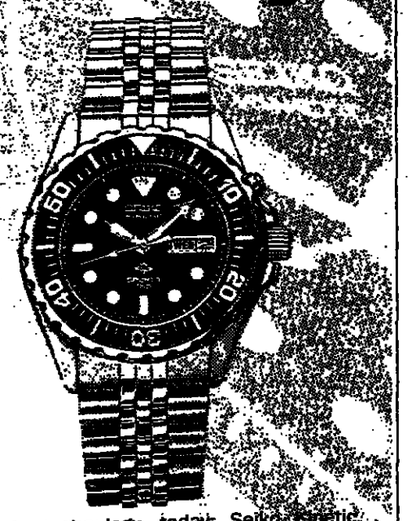
The male is not in captivity but flies freely in the same northeast Brazilian region. For years he has mated with parakeets in the region for lack of a female of his own species. Now the aviary of the female has been set up in a semi-arid zone in Bahia state.

Last weekend, the male came closer to the female's cage and called to her. She not only answered but also became quite agitated, according to Marcos Dare, a biologist who has been studying birds in the area for two years.

This species usually mates in November. Experts are not sure whether the female, having been raised in captivity, will have the strength to fly with the male.

In an attempt to prepare the female for her release, scientists have moved her to a large aviary and have encouraged her to fly. They have also been feeding her wild seeds from her surroundings instead of her usual sunflower seed diet.

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In amniocentesis, fluid is withdrawn through the woman's abdominal wall from the amniotic sac, the private pond in which a baby grows within the uterus. The correct positioning of the needle is achieved with the help of an ultrasound. This minor operation is usually performed sometime between the fifteenth and seventeenth week of pregnancy. Even at this stage, there is a risk of inducing a miscarriage: various surveys have estimated the hazard differently but it is usually assumed that about one baby in 100 will be lost as a direct result of the procedure.

In chorionic villus sampling, a small catheter is inserted through the cervix and at least 5mg, preferably more, of villi sucked out from the placental tissue. In some cases a trans-abdominal route, using a needle, is easier. Whatever the method chosen, CVS sampling can be done early in the pregnancy, usually around the ninth to twelfth week. The sooner the diagnosis of an abnormal baby can be made, the easier it is for the parents to accept its loss.



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Dr Thomas Stuttaford

The risk of miscarriage, and the accuracy of the results of CVS, compared with amniocentesis were initially considered comparable, but a trial at 31 centres cast doubts on this assumption a year or two ago, and chorionic villus sampling fell into disfavour in many units unless there was a specific medical indication for it.

Early amniocentesis at 10-13 weeks of pregnancy has become established as an alternative to CVS but, the *Lancet* reports, a detailed trial comparing the two procedures had to be abandoned as, contrary to expectation, the miscarriage rate was twice as high in those mothers who had an early amniocentesis as those who had a CVS.

So great was the difference in the danger to the foetus that some experts now feel that early amniocentesis should be abandoned, despite its relative cheapness and the greater ease with which it can be done. They feel that if an early diagnosis of a foetal abnormality is needed, CVS is the method of choice.

General Practitioner magazine reports that doctors at the Harris Birthright Centre at King's College Hospital, London, have concluded that CVS, when carried out by experienced doctors, is as safe as later amniocentesis and very much safer than an amniocentesis carried out in the first three months of pregnancy.

Clocked



LINDA Knowles lost consciousness when she was hit on the head with a frozen Black Forest gateau by her former boyfriend, David Fricker, who was jealous of being replaced by a man 14 years his junior. This week Mr Fricker pleaded guilty to causing actual bodily harm and was given a conditional discharge by Prestatyn magistrates. Although the circumstances of Ms Knowles's misfortune are unusual, the injury is not.

Every year one million people suffer head injuries severe enough to warrant hospital attention. Any patient who loses consciousness should always be taken to hospital as a brain haemorrhage may be delayed and only occur once recovery has started and the blood pressure begins to return to normal. Four thousand five hundred people each year who suffer head injuries are left permanently severely disabled; 25 per cent of all accidental deaths are from head injuries.

Putting the clocks back this weekend marks the beginning of the busy season for those dealing with head injuries. During the evening rush-hour from November to February there are 50 per cent more fatalities and serious injuries among adults, and three times as many children are killed then than in the mornings.

St Andrew's Hospital, Northampton, a charitable Trust, has one of the few specialised units, the Kemsley Unit, in the country which looks after and rehabilitates those patients who suffer from psychiatric complications after a head injury.

Dr Neil Brooks, who runs the unit, has expressed concern at this annual increase but says that whatever time of the year the care available for these patients is inadequate. Dr Brooks said: "There are only 500 rehabilitation beds for brain-injured adults and ten for children in the whole United Kingdom. There's an urgent need for more beds and next year the Kemsley Unit plans to increase the number of its beds to 76 for adults and 14 for children."

Walk this way



DYLAN WINTER doesn't spare his feet. This week he has set out to walk from Liverpool to London along the towpaths of the Trent and Mersey and Grand Union Canals. His long-suffering horse Molly will help him pull the barge, as Radio 4 listeners will know.

Mr Winter's feet may well be hardened, or protected by comfortable well-fitting shoes, but less experienced walkers — or those whose shoes pinch, either because they are new or because they have been designed to please fashion writers rather than orthopaedic surgeons — will continue to suffer and need to visit their doctors with infected blisters.

Ordinary sticking-plaster has never been the ideal dressing to fit under shoes and socks and it is therefore not surprising that recovery is often delayed. A new plaster designed to treat foot blisters has recently been marketed by Scholl and is available in pharmacies.

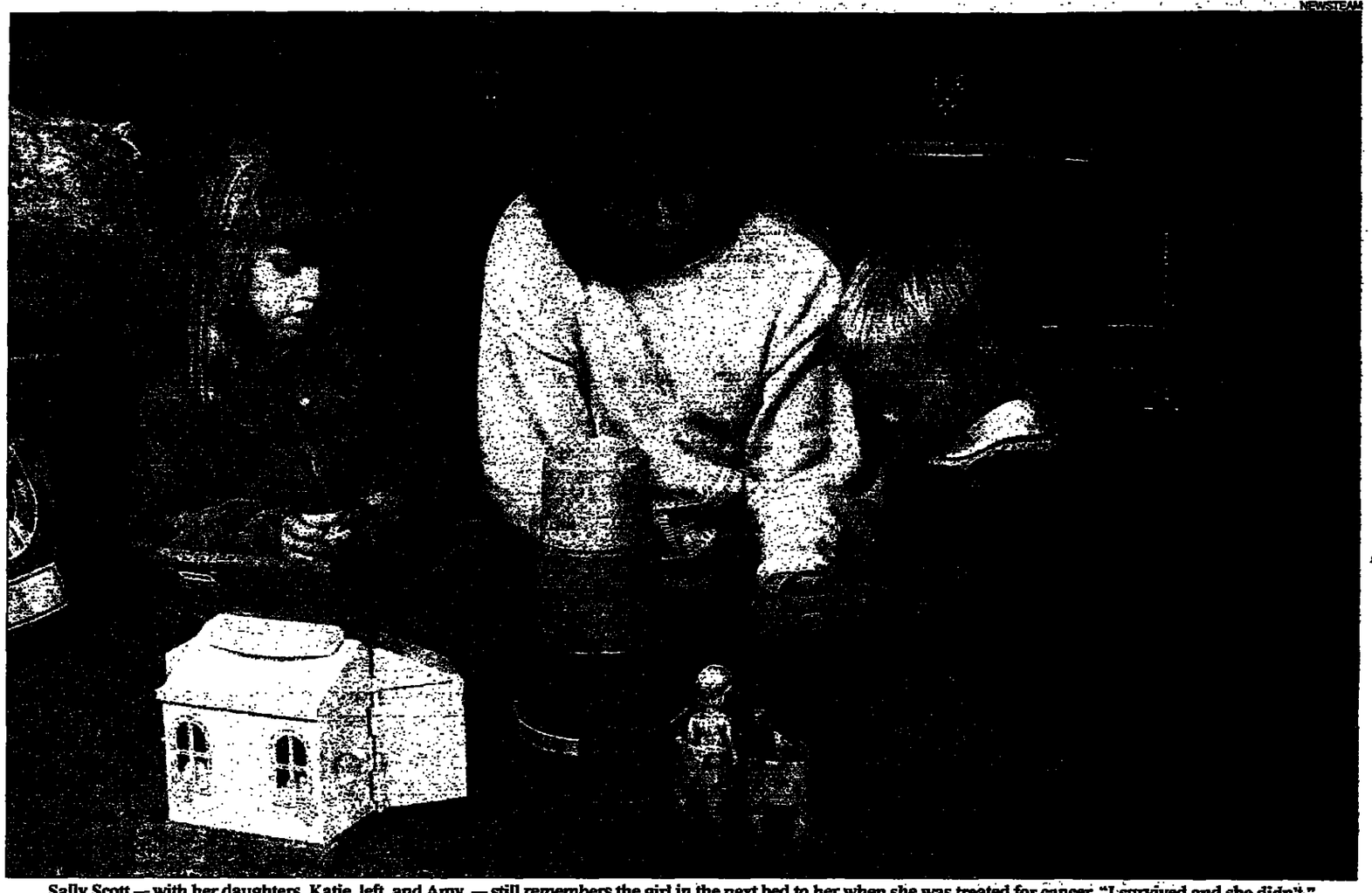
The blister plasters come in two sizes, small for the toes, larger for the heel or ball of the foot. The plasters are lined with a hydrocolloid gel: they are slim, washproof and sterile. The makers claim they promote rapid healing without allergic rashes.

Once the zinc-free plaster is applied, the pain from the blister is immediately eased and the victim can continue to walk, whether it be along Bond Street or a canal towpath.

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'If they don't keep records, the cure could kill you'

The successful treatment of cancer in childhood could pose problems later in life, says **Aileen Ballantyne**



Sally Scott — with her daughters, Katie, left, and Amy, — still remembers the girl in the next bed to her when she was treated for cancer. "I survived and she didn't."

Sally Scott, who had bone cancer as a child, is one of many patients who can now expect to live long healthy lives because of the growing success of treatment.

As recently as the 1960s, only one in four children who developed cancer survived. Today, as a result of a combination of chemotherapy — which tackles a cancer from every angle — and radiotherapy, doctors can confidently say that for 60 per cent of childhood patients, they have effected a real cure.

However, the increasing chance of cancer patients like Mrs Scott living to have children and grandchildren of their own is creating problems of its own for the health service.

Senior cancer specialists are becoming increasingly concerned that hard-pressed National Health Service Trusts — which have to make every inch of space cost-effective — are reluctant to keep records which doctor's regard as essential to prevent mistakes in later treatment of such patients. In some cases, such errors could prove fatal.

Leading cancer specialists say that serious problems will occur if, for example, a woman who has had one cancer as a child develops a more common cancer later in life such as cancer of the breast — which affects one in ten women in Britain. If her records have been destroyed, as they would be under current Department of Health guidelines, doctors treating her for a later cancer could administer a life-saving form of radiotherapy which could in fact kill.

The treatment, rather than the disease, could prove fatal. This is because many of the highly toxic drugs used to treat childhood cancers are cumulative in their effects on the body, and some can cause death by heart failure or severe lung damage when combined with radiotherapy.

Professor Gordon McVie, scientific director of the Cancer Research Campaign (CRC), the independent charity which funds more than a third of all cancer research carried out in the UK, says that the build-up of these cumulative effects can continue even if there is as much as a 20-year gap in the treatment period.

> Specialists are desperate that space is made available

In an editorial in the *British Medical Journal* this weekend, Dr Michael Hawkins, the epidemiologist who heads the CRC's Childhood Cancer Research Group at Oxford University, highlights recent studies which have shown that even the extensive treatment given to children appears, with few exceptions, to have no effect on the health of their offspring.

The only way researchers know this — and can therefore advise most childhood cancer patients that they can confidently have a family — is by looking at records which give precise details of treatment and drugs given. Dr Hawkins will also point out that the retention of records of treatment given to such patients is now under threat.

Dr Hawkins says that he has had representations from two leading professors of oncology in Britain who are concerned that space for such records will not be available. "I have tried everything I can," one wrote, "to persuade our clinical director and management of the importance of keeping records, but financial and space considerations overrule research interests."

Dr Hawkins is studying 5,000 children who have had cancer and their 3,000 offspring to see if childhood cancers are likely to be inherited or if treatments given in childhood have any effects which can be passed on to offspring.

He stresses that such studies are wholly dependent on detailed records of cancer treatment being kept by hospitals. He said that present Department of Health guidelines fail to take account of the fact that increased success means that such records contain essential information not only for the healthy adults who were treated for cancer as a child, but for these former patients' children.

The guidelines state that a child's records should be kept until their 25th birthday, or until they are 26 if they started treatment at 17. Dr Hawkins says that since it is now possible to say that two-thirds of all people with childhood cancer were cured, there would in future be many middle-aged people who could easily be overtreated if their records were not kept.

"These guidelines are not sufficient, even they were adhered to," he says. "An even more worrying feature is that, with the increasing pressure on space in NHS hospitals, there are now suggestions that records are not being kept for even the minimum amount of time recommended by the Department of Health."

In addition to the advantage to individuals, many specialists believe that the only way cancer treatment can progress is if records are kept long enough to ensure that any long-term side-effects of drugs can be picked up.

Dr Hawkins's *BMJ* article will give an overview of the research on offspring born to patients treated for cancer in childhood. He points out, for example, that the only exception to childhood cancer patients safely having a family appears to be for girls who have had radiotherapy to their abdomen for certain very rare cancers. Even for their children there are no known genetic problems in the offspring, although low birth weight and stillbirths can occur, probably due to the physical effects of radiation on the womb.

"This is important," Dr Hawkins says, "because it may be that many childhood cancer patients wrongly fear having a family because, until recently, the risks were unknown.

"Only 1,200 new cases of childhood cancer are diagnosed each year in Britain, and these patients are, of necessity, exposed to extremely toxic treatment. It is essential that any information that might be gleaned from past experience is not lost," Dr Hawkins says. "In the worst circumstances such losses could result in avoidable deaths."

As often happens with rapidly advancing techniques, the initial financial costs of developing cures have spin-off effects few could have predicted. Dr Hawkins argues, for example, that similar detailed record-keeping of drugs given to organ transplant recipients — once regarded as a highly experimental form of treatment — are also now necessary as the success of such procedures improves.

Mrs Scott, 28, from Crewe in Cheshire, and her daughters, Katie, 4, and Amy, 2, are living proof of a financial "problem" the health service will have to learn to cope with. When she was treated, Professor McVie says, he and other cancer specialists were "feeling their way". The approach then was "cure at any cost" and the future of the patient in middle age — far less that of patient's children — was not uppermost in doctors' minds. Now the stakes are higher and quality and length of future life is a real issue.

Mrs Scott still remembers the girl in the next bed to her when she was treated. "I survived and she didn't," she says. "Treatment has moved on enormously in the past 15 years."

Most people would agree that there is little point in saving a life in childhood only to make avoidable mistakes that could be fatal later, simply for the sake of the few square yards of office space.

Two pills a day may be better than one

How useful is vitamin C?

IF VITAMIN C is good for you, does more mean better? Millions of people think so but scientists have been divided on the issue. Despite a huge research effort, there is little evidence that megadoses of vitamin C, up to 100 times the recommended daily amounts, have beneficial effects.

Now an American scientist has come up with an explanation of the lack of effect — and a simple remedy. Millions of Americans take supplements of the vitamin in the belief that its anti-oxidant properties help prevent heart disease, cancer and the ageing process. Most of it, however, goes straight down the pan: the body cannot deal with excess vitamin C, which is rapidly excreted. Even large doses are eliminated in 12 hours and slow-release ones in 16.



The way to keep blood levels of the vitamin continuously high, according to Roc Ordman, Professor of Biochemistry at Beloit college, Wisconsin, is to take it twice a day — one 500 milligram dose every 12 hours.

"If vitamin C really does work as an anti-oxidant, then taking a supplement once a day might be like wearing a condom half the time," Professor Ordman said. "Nobody has ever thought to look at how much you have to take to keep the level elevated."

In a study published in the current issue of the gerontology journal *Age*, Professor Ordman gave varying doses of vitamin C at different times to students and measured the amount excreted in their urine. He found a 500 mg dose was needed every 12 hours "to enrich the blood just enough to ensure there is a little bit leaking out all the time." This compares with the US-recommended adult daily allowance of 60 mgs.

Recommended levels of vitamin C, and other vitamins, have been raised following recognition of their role in mopping up "free radicals" in the blood linked with a range of diseases. However, the British figure of 40 mgs daily for vitamin C is still below the US figure and likely to be raised again.

Research on megadoses of vitamin C of 10 and 20 times this level have shown it to have some protective effect against the common cold taken at the first sign. But there is no evidence of a beneficial effect against other diseases of doses vastly higher than the recommended daily amounts.

LINUS PAULING, the Nobel Laureate, whose book on vitamin C and the common cold in 1970 popularised the idea of taking fistfuls of supplements, is said to have swallowed 10,000 mgs a day. It is because it is water-soluble and quickly excreted that vitamin C is safe in such quantities: it does not build up in the tissues.

Professor Ordman's twice-daily regime may help keep blood levels of the vitamin high. But dosing on the scale followed by Pauling, who died last August aged 93, will seriously damage your bank balance — at £2,500 a year.

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Mr Psycho in London

Giles Coren asks if the American cult novelist Bret Easton Ellis could really be as nasty as his books

A dark truth about Bret Easton Ellis has come to light this week. In London to oversee the release of his fourth novel, *The Informers*, Mr Ellis has come into contact with some of England's lesser literati and they have rumbled him. They are surprised, shocked, disappointed to discover it. They repeat it over and over again on the radio and on television, and in the pages of any newspaper that will listen: Bret Easton Ellis, they are mortified to find, is *nice*.

Nice? But this is the *enfant terrible* of New York polite society, the kingpin of its literary bratpack, the doyen of deviance. He is the man who wrote *American Psycho*, a book whose narrator works on Wall Street by day and kills tramps, disembowels dogs, and mutilates women in a frenzy of perverted sexual excess by night. American women's organisations and female novelists in this country tried to prevent its publication.

Novelists are always expected to *be* the characters they write about. His first novel, *Less Than Zero*, appeared in 1985. It described the lives of spoilt, listless, drug-addicted Los Angeles rich kids and readers assumed that he was one of them. When *American Psycho* appeared they thought its author must be a psycho.

Now 30-year-old Ellis is here in person, and the knives that were out are being hastily sheathed in the face of his unexpected personal charm. When he appeared on Melvyn Bragg's *Start The Week* on Radio 4 the sultan of "splatter punk" side-stepped all offers of confrontation.

"Doing that show was kind of weird," he admits, poking cautiously at a salad in the restaurant of the Halcyon Hotel in Holland Park. "It was very early in the morning. I felt like I was in a high school class. I kept looking at the clock, with this big second hand going round and round. I was thinking 'Oh God, they're going to get to me and I'll have to give my little oral report'. They were talking about opera and the political situation and I felt really, really out of place."

If people are shocked at this modesty, I was frankly appalled that he had not heard of Melvyn Bragg. "They told me afterwards that he writes bodice-rippers," he says, pronouncing bodice with a long "o" that seems to go on for ever.

He has been drawn into at least one confrontation since his arrival. "There was a reporter from *Melody Maker* who was obviously offended by the new book, and by *Psycho*, and my portrayal of women. She claimed that Wall Street-types would read *Psycho* and see something hip and cool, a flattering portrait of themselves, that they would get off on it. I denied this strongly — but then I saw something which made me think she might be right."

The epiphany came at a book-signing in the City. "Ninety per cent of the people were exactly what she had described. They were all brokers in designer suits, totally 'yupped-out', buying their fourth copy of *American Psycho*. One man came up to me with a copy and said [here he fakes a posh English accent]: 'Bloody superb man. I read it to relieve my tension when I get home from work'. Someone else wanted me to sign the book 'To Carrie, you're dead'. I found that kind of disturbing."

And he is easily disturbed. The moral degradation of his characters and the spiritual desert of his Los Angeles reflect a wider personal gloom. "I do walk around sort of in a funk," he says, though he chuckles as he says it and looks happy enough. "L.A. is a great metaphor for the decay of the soul, for my whole viewpoint on the world, for all the things I find unappealing about mankind in general."

But Ellis, as author, does not condemn. That is why he has often been seen as a symptom, even a cause, of social ill. "Judgment comes through in my style," he says, in a rare defensive moment. "I present these characters in a flat and unjudgmental way, bereft of authorial moralising. That itself becomes the moral focus-point."

If people misread his works, that is their problem. "I don't care what people think of my books. My publisher would hate me to say that. You are supposed to take into account the poor reader, the dear reader, who, of course, you are slaving away for. That's a load of bullshit. A writer writes for his own messed-up, personal, neurotic, weird reasons."

He says he left Los Angeles at the age of 18 "because I didn't want my life to get like *Less Than Zero*. By writing about these people and places I protect myself from them. But people want to know about me, about my sexuality. Am I gay, or straight, or bisexual? Do I like to be tied up and beaten? These are difficult questions when you are alone on stage with an interviewer in front of three or four cameras with the studio lights burning down. Particularly so in the context of *American Psycho*. So I become coy. If I declared my own sexuality I think a lot of what is suggestive and alluring about the books might disappear."

His life may be conventional and his books may have an intended moral positivism, but they have taken on the independent life of a cult, and their interpretation has moved out of his control. He fears cultism and his one true moment of venom comes at the mention of the unambiguously moralistic cult of Forrest Gump.

"The passionate reaction to this deeply conservative and offensive film is scary," he says. "Americans always confuse idiocy with innocence." Innocence is not something of which this particular cult figure has yet been accused, and he has a very Bret Easton Ellis way of expressing his distaste. "Death to Forrest Gump!" he cries. And he laughs again.

ALAN WELLER



Bret Easton Ellis: "A writer writes for his own messed-up, personal, neurotic, weird reasons"

A test bed for the inky business

Lucy Berrington on students at the first rung of journalistic success

STUDENT journalism, I thought, was as traumatic as journalism could get. There were the deadline panics, so foolishly allowed to wreck my undergraduate life; those embarrassing features I vowed to learn from; the war between reporters, who write the copy, and the evil subs who trash it. All this, I reckoned, was a temporary sacrifice, a ploy to get me a career in the more civilised environment of professional journalism.

So I joined a national paper. Nothing changed, except that I lost the freedom to screw up and not be sacked. Most journalists, with hindsight, confess to a great nostalgia for their start on student publications. *Cherwell*, Oxford University's second-oldest student rag, is in financial trouble; such news is a near tear-jerker for national newspaper editors.

Student journalism is not just children playing at newspapers, they say, speaking of the loss to the quality press if *Cherwell* and its contemporaries go under. In universities where the student media is strong, including Sheffield, Cambridge, London and Bristol, student journalism is a training ground for national media stars.

Previous *Cherwell* editors have made their mark. Peter Preston went on to edit *The Guardian*, Maurice Green to *The Daily Telegraph*, Robin Esser to *The Sunday Express*, Nick Lloyd to *The Daily Express*, and Peter Stothard to *The Times*. Oxford's student magazine, *Isis*, has an equally awesome line-up. Tina Brown, now editor of *The New Yorker*, is reputed to have so impressed Auberon Waugh with her contribution that he kickstarted her career in journalism.

The list of past *Cherwell* and *Isis* contributors prompts accusations that the glory days of student hackery are over. John Betjeman, Gyles Brandreth, Evelyn Waugh, David Marquand, Harold Acton and Graham Greene; all are there. Brian Walden, Sylvia Plath, William Waldegrave, Howard Davies, Michael Palin. It goes on. Rupert Murdoch was a *Cherwell* publicity manager. Jeffrey Archer had a very silly sports column. Edwina Currie used the newspaper to promote the archery society.

"*Cherwell* then was very well known, considered to be the best student publication in the world," says Robert Unsworth. Frequently in the national media, *Cherwell* sold as many copies then as it can give away now.

This was despite — all right, because of — a reputation as a scurrilous rag. *Cherwell* in the 1960s had been a model of sensationalism. It ran some ridiculous front pages, including one on devil worship.

This was all a far cry from November 1920, when *Cherwell* first hit Oxford news stands as a literary magazine. It was ambitiously designed to stand alone for the new post-war world order — not to mention an Oxford that was abolishing Greek, curbing extravagance, resigning itself to science and women.



Cherwell, once "the best" student mag in the world

WHERE the student publications of the 1960s and 1970s differ most from their 1990s descendants is in the earlier rags' much greater sense of fun. Students now, it seems, are using newspapers *primarily* to pad out their CVs, losing sight of more immediate aims. The increased threat of libel suits is also responsible.

But those in the know say the quality of student journalism remains high. "The degree of professionalism that's been shown is as good as it's ever been," says Peter Preston of *The Guardian*/NUS student media awards.

● *The Editor of* The Times *will tonight give the inaugural Cherwell Lecture in the Old Library at the Oxford Union, at 8.30pm.*

Dr Spock was once the guru with the answers to a nation's childcare problems — now he is tending to its angst

Doctoring the American soul

Dr Benjamin Spock, the childcare guru of the Western world, is signing copies of his latest work in a smart Manhattan bookshop. The 91-year-old pediatrician is accompanied by his wife, 40 years younger, in a neat black suit with gold buttons and a dashing hat.

They immediately voice what is on their minds: has *The Times* reporter seen the latest on the Prince Charles biography — and how is Britain taking the news?

When it is suggested that the Windsors have not, perhaps, provided the greatest model for child-rearing, Dr Spock smiles agreement and signs another copy of *A Better World for Our Children — Rebuilding American Family Values*, in which he suggests the seeds of many of society's problems are sown during childhood. One of the main signs of our deteriorating sense of values is "the increasing instability of marriage, reflected in divorce, single-parent families and step-parenting".

Having started in 1946 by diagnosing children's illnesses, and writing down-to-earth advice for parents, in his later years Dr Spock has turned to diagnosing what is wrong with the American soul. He accuses the nation of producing greedy, materialistic, competitive children who have no regard for others.

"When I look at society and think of the millions of children exposed every day to its toxicity, I am near despair," he says. "My despair comes not only from the progressive loss of spiritual and idealistic values, but from the fact that our present society is not working."

Like his fellow childcare expert Penelope Leach, Dr Spock believes that parents should put children first and careers second, especially when day-care is of low quality. He also has some weirder suggestions: that competitive sports are unhealthy (he suggests frisbee throwing at school instead) and that wearing jeans to the office is a sign of diminished self-respect.



KATE MUIR

Of course, Dr Spock has always been rather a radical, despite his camouflage of tweeds, wire-rimmed spectacles and a wise, fatherly manner. This latest dip into politics and idealism is consistent with his past: he was an anti-nuclear activist in the Sixties, he spoke against the draft for the Vietnam War, and he stood for President against Nixon in 1972.

While half America is groaning about loss of ideals and morally corrupt youth, Dr Spock is a strong voice for morality, because people trust him utterly. Late at night, confronted with a whining infant with a roaring temperature, they have turned to their well-thumbed copy of his *Baby and Child Care*, and Dr Spock has provided reassurance. Why should he not be a guide on subjects moral as well as medical?

Dr Spock seems almost nostalgic for the days when it was considered earthshaking to suggest feeding babies on demand rather than on a strict four-hour schedule. "Back then, parents were worried about diseases like scarlet fever and pneumonia. Now parents have to worry instead about teenage pregnancy, guns, and their children taking drugs."

Although he was born in 1903, you might mistake the doctor for a 70-year-old. His 6ft 4in frame is not stooped a whit, and although the signature "Ben Spock" comes out a little shaky, he is perfectly capable of holding two conversations at once and writing dedications at the same time. He puts down his longevity to his life with his second wife, Mary Morgan. Dr Spock divorced after 48 years of marriage and notes in his book's dedication that the second Mrs Spock "can always tell me where to find my pencils".

They both eat macrobiotic food, do yoga every day, swim in their pool and indulge in regular walks and group therapy sessions. After years living on boats, the Spocks now have a house in Maine in the summer and California in winter.

The doctor swims "old-fashioned frog stroke" in a snorkel and mask, wearing a wet-suit for warmth, and reveals breakfast "always begins with a miso soup followed by a wholegrain dish. We also have bancha twig tea. We sometimes vary the meal to include fried mochi served as a pancake with a touch of raspberries." Thus continues the increasingly funky life of the respected Dr Spock.



Spock in action: he says the American malaise can be traced to rearing selfish, greedy children

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Why Britain is missing from Kohl's dream

Sentiments obscure interests in Europe, says **Timothy Garton Ash**

Late on Sunday night in Bonn, as Chancellor Kohl's narrow majority gradually emerged on the TV screens, there was a news flash from Helsinki. The Finns had voted to join the EU, said the German reporter, and they did not intend "to play the part of the arrogant outsider, like the British". So much for Finland, so much for us.

The attitude to Britain of most German politicians and commentators who concern themselves with European affairs is a mixture of residual affection, sadness, irritation, frustration and often mild contempt. The stories, even in the quality press, are of royal soap opera, anachronism and decline.

At the same time, there is a pained, even hypersensitive reaction to those tabloid "stop the Hun" stories and to every Euro-sceptic pronouncement. What is more, there is a widespread belief that the Euro-sceptics are only saying out loud what others really think. A senior German official read out to me, from a folder of press cuttings, extracts from the latest round of British Euro-sceptic pronouncements. Isn't this, he asked, the voice of the real Britain?

Even the Anglophiles, of whom there are still many, despair of Britain playing the part they would wish to see it play in Europe. At a 40th anniversary meeting of the Deutsch-Englische Gesellschaft in Berlin, Helmut Schmidt spoke with real feeling of the qualities he admires in Britain: the pragmatism, the lightness of touch, the ability to laugh at oneself, the deep love of freedom.

Yet the second part of his speech made very clear just how different — how continental — his own plans for Europe are. I have heard him explain elsewhere how he started with Britain, then saw the model partner in America, and now sees the future with France.

Again and again, Germans old and young, dressed in fine tweed jackets and flannels, will tell you in perfect English how much they enjoyed their time in London or Oxford. Again and again, officials will assure you that on the working level the Germans and British get on better than the Germans and French. Yet German European policy remains overwhelmingly orientated, even tied, to France. And those same Germans regard this not merely as right and proper but quite simply as "Europe".

The affinity between Germans and British is certainly as great, probably greater, than that between Germans and French. But there is a Franco-German myth, a potent sustaining mystique, from Adenauer and de Gaulle standing in Rheims Cathedral, through Kohl and Mitterrand holding hands over the graves at Verdun, to the folklore of Eurocorps: a rainbow from the dark battlefields of the past to that distant, invisible pot of gold marked "Europe".

"Stuff and nonsense, hogwash, pie in the sky," says John Bull. Facts is what we want, hard facts. Feet on the ground, please. (It has always struck me as revealing that whereas in English one exclaims "what on earth does this mean?", in German one says "what in heaven . . ?") There is no German-British myth, no sustaining mystique; only memories, some good, some bad. And Germany is full of Anglophiles who think their country's future lies with France.

"Well, too bad," you may say. "If they don't see it, they don't see it. We have to look to our own interests, just as they look to theirs."

But sentiment and interest cannot be so simply separated — above all when dealing with a statesman like Helmut Kohl. Herr Kohl has a dream. He dreams of making "irreversible" the process he calls "European unification", which as he sees it, is the indispensable complement to German unification. He achieved German unification, starting with a monetary union on terms his financial experts warned against, and now he'll achieve European unification.

That's what he promised François Mitterrand at the time of German unification. That was, for him, the point of Maastricht. That is what he will deliver now that he has been returned.

The weakness of his Free Democrat coalition partners, and the Social Democrats' majority in the upper house will cause him many a headache. It may well end, sooner or later, in a grand coalition of Christian and Social Democrats. But European integration is an issue on what there is little difference between him and the Social Democratic leader, Rudolf Scharping. At the same time, the weakening of the coalition and the fact that Kohl has already declared this will be his last term as Chancellor will both increase his sense of urgency. And he's damned if anyone will stop him.

One can draw up a quite impressive list of forces and arguments inside Germany itself against this dream of full-speed ahead to European union with France and anyone else, including even Britain, who wants to join in on the available terms. The list starts with his Bavarian CSU sister party, which has emerged strengthened from the elections; it continues with German bankers and businessmen, and includes an increasingly ambivalent public opinion. But in a relatively election-free period, and spurred on by a sense of historical mission, the most powerful politician in Europe will not be deflected by anything short of a political hurricane.

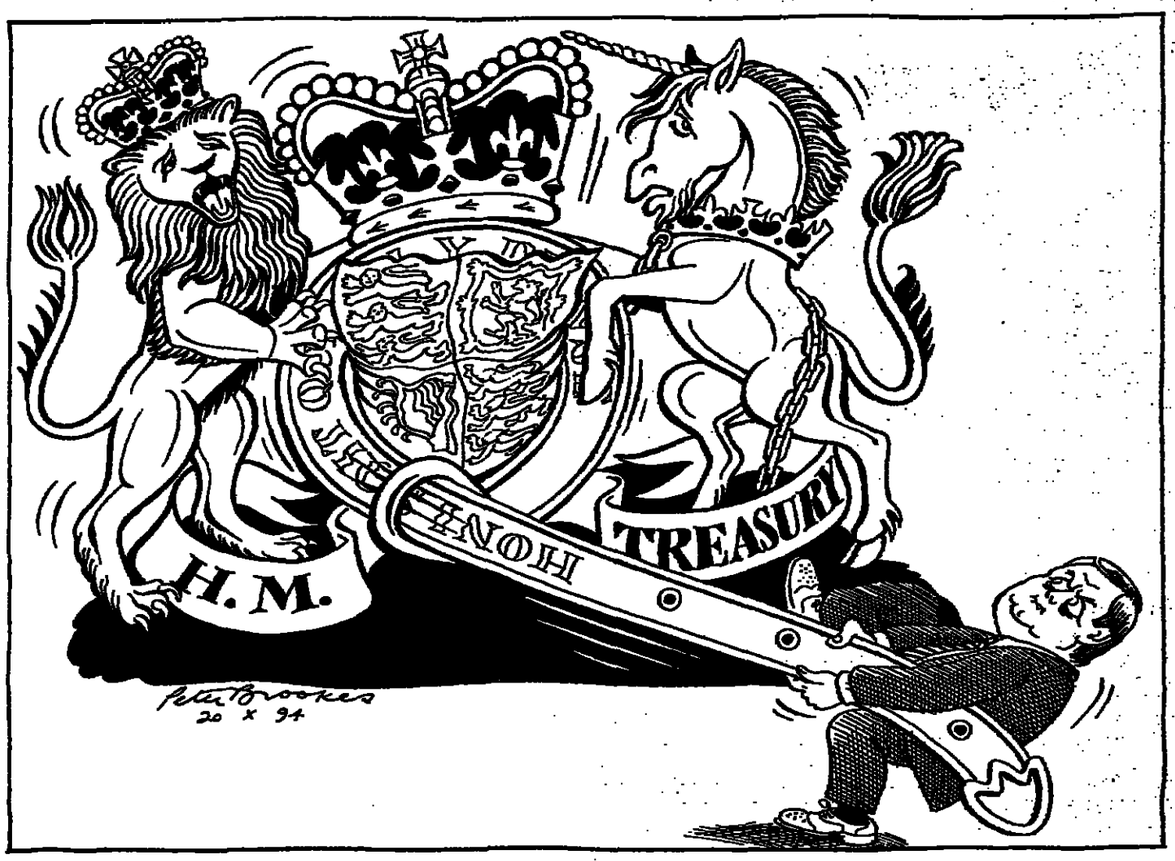
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France is not so certain. Only the French presidential elections next spring will show whether Kohl has a partner in Paris for the last waltz. A President Delors would certainly be such a partner — and a nightmare for John Major. A President Balladur would probably be more cautious about committing France to further, decisive steps of supranational integration. But even with Balladur, there will be Franco-German initiatives in the run-up to the 1996 inter-governmental conference which strain the fabric of British-German relations. That is why even the softer bits of that fabric matter: the warp of sentiment, so to speak, across the woof of interest.

The final irony has to do precisely with interests. Germany at the moment still has difficulty in defining anew its own national interests, preferring to talk of overall goals, values and European interests. Britain, by contrast, has no difficulty in talking about national interests. Our trouble is that we cannot agree what they are. Nonetheless, I could draw up a pretty clear list of German national interests in Europe and of British national interests in Europe, and the two lists would have a great deal in common. Quite as much, in fact, as the lists of French and German national interests.

The difference is that whereas France and Germany are closer in sentiments than in real interests, with Britain it is the other way round. That is stupid.

Timothy Garton Ash's In Europe's Name: Germany and the Divided Continent *is now available in paperback (Vintage, £9.99).*



The final dilemma

Economic reality will bring a bitter end to Kohl's protectionist Europe

Chancellor Kohl's victory in the German elections may have been narrow, but it was decisive. It will almost certainly determine the future of the European Union, and present Britain with a constitutional choice of agonising difficulty. Chancellor Kohl will now represent Germany in the 1996 post-Maastricht negotiations. If Maastricht itself was not the point of no return, these negotiations will be. If Chancellor Kohl has his way — and he probably will — Britain will be confronted with the final decision whether to transfer sovereignty to Europe, or to live outside a European Union to which Britain does not belong. Whichever preference one may have, that is the choice which Britain has been trying to avoid ever since 1945.

Chancellor Kohl's policy can be summed up as a united Germany inside a united Europe.

As Germany is the largest and wealthiest power in Europe, and is geographically central, Germany will be the dominant power, shaping the character and policy of Europe in a way that the other large nations, Britain, France, Italy and Spain, will not be able to do. In the past, such a Europe has not proved stable: Germany was outside the Roman Empire and eventually destroyed it. The empires of Charlemagne, Napoleon and Hitler were brief historic episodes; Charles V never dominated France. Yet Chancellor Kohl's Europe could in theory last longer, if only because it would be based on the principle of democracy.

If one looks at the political forces which Chancellor Kohl has to overcome, one must be struck by their weakness. He has his majority in the Bundestag; the opposition SPD has no way of turning him out before 1998 and anyway does not disagree with his European policy.

Recent French political scandals have forced the resignation of Gérard Longuet, the Industry Minister, who describes himself as "calm and serene" after allegations about the financing of his St Tropez villa, and of Alain Carignon, the Communications Minister, who is presumably less calm and serene, as he is in Lyons jail. Yet these scandals make it rather more likely that Jacques Delors will become President, which would strengthen Chancellor Kohl. The election of a French President seriously opposed to the Kohl vision of Europe is improbable.

In Britain, the Conservative Party is split on the European issue. A majority of the Cabinet, led by Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, would in the last resort accept the German model of Europe, even if it would have to be decorated with opt-outs and other forms of "variable geometry". A minority of the Cabinet, but probably a majority of Conservative supporters in the country, would rather leave Europe than accept the Kohl-type union which is likely to be negotiated. John Major is concerned mainly to hold his party together. Tony Blair, and a majority of the shadow Cabinet, would certainly accept Chancellor Kohl's concept of Europe.

William Rees-Mogg

There are other European opponents of the European single state. Italy has the most Europeanist public opinion, but has Euro-sceptics in the Government; the Italian government does not begin to possess the political strength to resist Chancellor Kohl. The Spanish government is unquestioningly European in attitude. The smaller governments will go along with what the larger nations support. In most nations, public opinion is much less enthusiastic than official opinion about European union, so the Europeanists could suffer unpleasant surprises, but no realistic analysis would at present give Sir James Goldsmith and Lord Tebbit much chance against Chancellor Kohl, the "Bismarck in a cardigan".

Greater difficulties arise from the formation of the policy itself, and particularly from the proposal for European monetary union, involving a single currency managed by a single central bank, which would itself be located in Germany. Maastricht committed the European Community to monetary union by 1999. That is unpopular in Germany itself, because it would involve the disappearance of the Deutschmark; indeed the Germans would only accept it if they thought that the mark had in effect taken over the European currency. A single currency depends on European economic convergence, of which there is little sign. Yet Herr Kohl's policy of closer political union depends on the movement towards monetary union: if one falls down, the other will too.

Chancellor Kohl may be making a mistake very similar to the one he made about German unification: he may be underestimating the cost to Germany. The total cost of bringing the 17 million people of East Germany up to the West German level will be at least ten times the estimates that were made five years ago. Germany is now contemplating taking responsibility not only for the rest of the EC, but for investment in Eastern Europe and Russia as well. Germany has a strong economy, but undeniably it has high costs and a low return on capital employed, and is in some ways rather old-fashioned. The real investment capacity of Germany is probably about twice that of Britain, but certainly not more than half that of Japan. As the engine for a single currency Europe of more than 350 million people, Germany might be badly overloaded.

Europe does indeed still look like an economic superpower. The 350 million who do or will belong to the EU have a larger combined product than the United States. The mark has been a stronger currency than the dollar for many years, if not as strong as the yen. Yet the present outlook for the European economy is one of relative decline. Europe's economic growth over the past 20 years is unimpressive, compared with America, Japan or the emerging markets. European technology still lags behind America's, particularly in the most advanced areas. European exports lag behind Japan. European labour costs are the highest in the world, boosted by welfare taxes and fixed by social laws and high redundancy payments. The labour cost of one Frenchman will pay for 47 Vietnamese, and 15 of those Vietnamese could be hired for the Frenchman's social welfare costs alone.

Chancellor Kohl does not have a choice. He has his own moment in history and his own beliefs, which are themselves based on the post-war history of Germany. He has reunited Germany, itself a great historic achievement. He plans to reunite Europe on the one model of which he has experience, the post-war German model. He fears that nationalism is reviving throughout Europe, and that the chance will not recur for any of his successors. He will therefore use all his and his country's might to push ahead. He has the political capacity to do it. In all probability the French will elect a new President who will support the Kohl programme — perhaps Jacques Chirac might be more nationalist, but he too is an old and devoted European, and is in any case unlikely to be elected.

John Major will not stop the German Chancellor. He could not hold his party together on a firm anti-Kohl line, even if he wanted to. In any case, the Kohl project does not depend on Britain and would, if necessary, be pushed ahead without us. European public opinion is divided, but the contrary opinion is not well enough organised to stop him.

We face therefore the probability that Chancellor Kohl's plan for Europe, in which the individual states of the European Union would end up with powers not dissimilar to those of the German *Länder*, will be moved a long way forward in the 1996 post-Maastricht negotiations. To many people that will give a feeling of destiny, of unstoppable momentum. There does not seem to be any large political obstacle, although there could be difficulties in France and Britain. It is the economics which may not work, just as it was the economic failure of socialism which caused the disintegration of the Soviet Union.

The Kohl model for Europe would be a high-cost, highly bureaucratised, cross-subsidised, regulated economy, mirroring the Germany which already exists. Europe would then be a high-cost island in a low-cost world, a non-competitive island in a competitive world, an ageing island in a youthful world.

Because Chancellor Kohl sees the post-war recovery of Germany as a great success story — not unreasonably — he believes that such a Europe can also succeed. I do not believe it can survive. It might be possible to unite Europe in this way on a rising tide of prosperity and competitiveness, but not in a period of economic decline. In the end I suspect these plans will run out of Chancellor Kohl's control, in the way that perestroika ran away from its creator. He may turn out to be not Bismarck but Gorbachev in a cardigan, a supposed reformer who unleashes forces that he cannot control.

Squeezing Treasury mandarins

Graham Mather praises the Whitehall review

Yesterday's October Revolution at the Treasury is a defining moment for the Civil Service. Sir Terry Burns's package challenges a senior mandarinate which has until now been impervious to change.

Because the Treasure initiative will be the model against which the rest of Whitehall is judged, it is the beginning of the end of an underperforming service running on Victorian lines, in which large numbers of officials tackle badly-defined tasks with little or no accountability. The change is a victory for Cabinet modernisers, and a shift from institutional conservatism to a preparedness to redesign the machinery of government. It brings Britain's creaking system of public administration into line with the techniques of good business.

The observations of Sir Colin Southgate, the businessman who headed the review, are some of the most powerful blasts of fresh air ever to blow through Whitehall's corridors. In three pages of crisp prose he sets out some of Whitehall's most obvious shortcomings with the insight and objectivity of an outsider who understands modern corporate management. Short-termism, lack of a focus for departments, and the habit of moving officials on as soon as they become expert are all briskly displayed and condemned.

Yet the package is constructive in both language and approach. Officials need more responsibility, more "ownership" of policies, fewer distractions, better support and opportunities to work in the private sector. Antiquated information technology and Victorian office facilities should be brought up to date.

The emphasis on investing in people gives the lie to those who are today bewailing the effect of these changes on officials. Of course it is a shock for those who expected a job for life to find that this can no longer be guaranteed. Yet that is the reality, and it is better to address it honestly than to continue deceiving ourselves that the Civil Service can avoid the squeeze for more productivity at every level.

The message that ministers should declare in all departments is that the Treasury reforms will mean better pay and better conditions for successful civil servants. Still more important, it will harness their undoubted dedication and intelligence to a machine which will produce results. As the gap narrows between the way Whitehall is managed and the best practice in business and the professions, richer and more varied career choices will open up for civil servants.

This is the lesson from New Zealand, the model for yesterday's reforms. Officials who were initially doubtful about changes now enthuse about the transformation which has taken their government to the top of the international league tables. Now the partnership of Clarke and Burns can be a catalyst for the rest of Whitehall.

Eyes will now be on the DTI, Home Office and Department of Employment, to see how quickly they pick up the Treasury challenge. One of the revealing lessons from New Zealand is that once departments feel free from over-detailed Treasury second-guessing, they voluntarily seek new strategic partnerships with the Treasury to achieve better performance.

Nor will yesterday's announcement of itself dispel the cloud which has hung over Whitehall's ethical standards since the Matrix Churchill affair. As Cabinet Secretary, Sir Robin Butler will be under pressure to implement a clear and comprehensive code of ethics for ministers and officials. The Cabinet Office will be on its mettle, too, to align its recent White Paper on the Civil Service with the new initiative. Many insiders believe the new Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, David Hunt, to be more reform-minded than his predecessor. He could tie up some loose ends by insisting that in future senior civil servants work on clear, personal contracts linked to their policy responsibilities. He could overrule Whitehall's reluctance to see top jobs openly advertised in every case. And he could make more use of independent outsiders to establish a proper scrutiny and appeals body to police standards and performance.

It is worth restating the conclusion of Sir Colin Southgate's three-month study. In the end, he said, the only valuable asset of the Treasury — and the Civil Service — is its people, who need to be trained, developed, supported and managed better. These talented and committed people believe deeply in public service. The problem since the war has been that Britain has found it so difficult to channel those qualities. This failing has worsened economic swings, weakened our international standing and contrasted sharply with the world-class performance of much of our business sector. Yesterday's announcement is a profoundly encouraging new start.

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With love

THE QUEEN and the Duke of Edinburgh are not the only members of the royal family to be taken with St Petersburg. Princess Michael of Kent has just dipped into her pocket for a Russian present for her husband.

She paid more than £4,000 at a Mayfair art gallery on Tuesday evening for an oil of St George's Cathedral, near St Petersburg. It is a moody rendition by one of Russia's greatest living artists, Sergei Chepik. Last year, Baroness Thatcher summoned Chepik to paint her portrait: the result was an unusually gaunt-looking Iron Lady with claw-like hands.

Princess Michael's purchase came moments before her husband presented the start of his sympathetic two-part television history of the last Tsar and Tsarina. She was rubbing shoulders at the time with King Constantine of Greece and Lords Parkinson, Carrington and Howe, at an exhibition of paintings by Fleur Cowles at the Roy Miles Gallery. Pink champagne was flowing.

The Princess was taken by Cowles's works as well, and snapped up two of them: one of flowers and another entitled *Two White Tigers*.

"I am a great friend of Fleur and love her work," she explained. "But these are fantasy pictures. People buy them as escapism."

First in line

THE first visit to Israel by a member of the royal family takes place today. Commander Tim Laurence, the Princess Royal's husband, is accompanying Malcolm Rifkind, who is also breaking new ground as the first British Defence Secretary to visit the country.

The Ministry of Defence is far from forthcoming about the royal aspect of the trip. "Yes I suppose it is a first," sniffed one official. Laurence is one of Rifkind's private secretaries and has been helping to organise the visit, which was planned long before yesterday's tragic bomb attack.

DIARY

● *My condolences to Darcey Bussell, the ballerina who was to have starred in* Sleeping Beauty *at the Royal Ballet's gala performance of its new Covent Garden production in November. The Royal Ballet is shortly to announce that she has been forced to pull out because of her injured ankle's stubborn refusal to heal.*

G-whizz

THE PRINCESS OF WALES was pictured yesterday with her head buried in the *International Herald Tribune* as she was driven to her Chelsea health club. But I am told that far from mugging up on the state of the American economy in preparation for her visit to Washington today, she was glued to the fashion pages.

"We have checked the pages," explains the paper's fashion editor, Suzie Menkes. "Maybe she is thinking of a new life on the stage. She was reading a report on the Chanel collection in Paris. There was a large picture of Naomi Campbell wearing a glitter G-string under a split dress."

● *The Prince of Wales may have had a miserable time with the bullies in his dormitories at Gordonstoun, but he can at least take comfort from his sister, the Princess Royal. On a prison visit yesterday in Lanarkshire, she likened the cells to her dorm at Benenden.*

Making waves

THE SHAMBOLIC Leader of the Commons, Tony Newton, was yesterday ticked off by a Westminster official for failing to follow procedure. His crime was to conduct a radio interview in a corridor in the House, where such interviews are not permitted.

Newton had started a row over the parliamentary committee inquiry into cash-for-questions, when he used his casting vote to prevent the hearings being held in public. Journalists promptly leapt upon him in the committee corridor and the officals moved in. "I don't actually know what the rules are about this sort of thing," he said, feebly.

● *When her daughter couldn't find a job for nearly a year, lifelong Tory Cecilia Pumfrett penned a forthright letter to John Major. "She asked what was he going to do about it," says Belinda, aged 26. "And I was offered a job — working in the press department at Tory Central Office."*



Fished out

NAPKINS will be folded for the last time tomorrow after lunch at Overtons, the fish restaurant near Victoria station which has been a haunt of the *beau monde* for more than a century. After 122 years, it is to become a kebab shop.

Nicholas Demetrious, manager for 26 years, insists it will be *à la carte* business as usual until he brushes the last crumb from his tablecloths. He will then lift a nostalgic glass to his lips and mull over the the days before business slipped away.

"We had Graham Greene, Elizabeth Taylor and Liza Minnelli, and all the parliamentarians of course. But Lord Olivier was our best customer. He was a good fish man, he liked fine burgundy, sole, salmon and scallops and he came in every day. Overtons was his canteen."

P·H·S

A SMALLER TREASURY

Exemplary cuts that must encourage the others

It has always been an article of faith at the Treasury that its offices should look shabbier and more threadbare than those of the spending departments. Now it is setting an even more austere example by shedding some 30 per cent of its senior policymakers in an attempt to make itself more efficient. While the spending departments may smirk as they watch Treasury officials having to swallow the bitter medicine that they have doled out to others, the mirth will not last for long. Other departments will soon have to follow the Treasury's lead.

Although Great George Street has always employed some of the best brains in the Civil Service, there are also officials there who, in any other organisation, would have lost their jobs long ago. As departments have been turned into executive agencies through the Next Steps programme, there deserves to be a commensurate cut in staff at the Treasury. It is right that any institution should, from time to time, ask whether it is still doing the right job with the right people in the right places. The Treasury's time has come at last.

Sir Terry Burns, the Treasury's Permanent Secretary, has nonetheless a tough job of persuasion ahead. His argument is that, in controlling public expenditure, his officials spend too much time "second-guessing" spending departments and that, instead, they should adopt a more strategic approach, handing out global budgets to departments and allowing ministers to determine how that money should be spent. This sounds eminently sensible — and is good corporate practice in modern management structures. But it does rely on politicians displaying rather more virtue than is their custom.

Only the most exceptional of Cabinet ministers actually want to reduce their departments' budgets. Most are encouraged by their officials to see winning a bigger slice of public money for their departments as a sign of political virility. In their yearly battles with the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, they have two advantages: expertise about their department, and seniority in Cabinet. They are often tempted to use both weapons to intimidate him. What the Chief Secretary needs most of all are detailed rebuttals of the ministers' arguments. And thus far, these have been provided by Treasury officials who are well versed in the policy and practice of each department.

The most efficient public spending control exercise of recent years was the defence costs study. There, a Treasury official sat on every little working group examining each nook and cranny of defence spending. By "second-guessing" the provision of everything from soldiers' socks to bandsmen's trumpets, the study managed to find more than £750 million of savings without affecting Britain's military capability a jot. True, the exercise had political will from the top. But had those Treasury officials not immersed themselves in the minutiae of defence spending, the department could have more easily argued that the defence of the realm would be jeopardised if savings were forced on it by the Chief Secretary.

It will now be up to ministers and permanent secretaries to enforce that sort of value-for-money discipline on their own departments. And each year, when they come back to the Treasury asking for more money, they will still threaten that they will have to close hospitals and embassies or take police off the streets unless their demands are met. This reorganisation of the Treasury must not be allowed to become a false economy in the longer run. Most ominously, Sir Terry promises for his staff "a building that has all the facilities one would expect for the 21st century": there will not even be any more threadbare carpets to shame spending departments into frugality.

IN TEL AVIV

As Israel buries its dead, it must keep its peace alive

Israel is in mourning today for the twenty-two civilians who died at the hands of a suicide bomber in Tel Aviv. The Islamic extremist who wrought this carnage — believed to have belonged to the Palestinian group, Hamas — has provoked anguish and desolation among Israelis. The Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin, cut short his visit to London in order to comfort in haste the families of the murdered and maimed.

The dispirited Israel to which he returned is also an angry Israel. In a society which regards all citizens as embodiments of their State and its ideals, the value of life is measured in ways which do not readily find an echo elsewhere. The loss of so many lives at once therefore, to an act of vengeful and wanton terror, has led many to question the worth of Mr Rabin's crusade for peace with the Palestinians.

Mr Rabin has not lost his composure in the face of exhortations, some of them intemperate, to abandon his search for a political accommodation with the Palestinians. He has also kept faith with the strategy that has so far, in spite of yesterday's bloody setback, rewarded both sides. The Israeli army has imposed a closure on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, prohibiting the residents of these territories from entering Israel. Such action is understandable and, perhaps, imperative in the circumstances. Yet Mr Rabin has rightly refused to call off the talks between his government and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) which are now in progress in Cairo.

As his Foreign Minister, Shimon Peres, said yesterday, the explosion in Tel Aviv is "exactly the sort of slaughter Israel is negotiating to end". In this, the Rabin administration is at last receiving the kind of support from Yassir Arafat, chairman of the PLO, which should silence those who question the wisdom of entrusting a dimension of Israel's security to its erstwhile enemies. Mr Arafat's condemnation of yesterday's outrage was swift and unequivocal. In calling the perpetrators "enemies of peace", he sought deliberately to echo the words chosen by Mr Rabin; and the alacrity with which he telephoned Mr Peres to offer his assistance mirrored his willingness last week to corral armed Hamas activists in the wake of Sergeant Wachsman's abduction.

Mr Arafat, the man with whom Mr Rabin has reached a political settlement, has grasped an important lesson: concessions can be wrung from Israel only on condition that the PLO pays due regard to the security concerns of the Jewish state. In turn, Mr Rabin should reward Mr Arafat with more generous trust. To undermine the PLO chairman is to strengthen the extremists ranged against him; to empower him further is an investment in the security of Israel.

The key to Mr Rabin's strategy can be expressed in his observation yesterday, made minutes after receiving news from Tel Aviv, comparing the Israeli experience with that of the British Government in Northern Ireland. Much better a political agreement between opponents — albeit with terror still employed by enemies of peace — than an apparent cessation of violence which springs from no discernible political pact. There is a pact: the talks must go on.

GREEN WARS

Successful protest approaches tricky maturity

From humble, though noisy, beginnings in Canada two decades ago, Greenpeace has grown at a rate that any multinational corporation would be proud of. Today it has an international headquarters in Amsterdam, national branches in 30 countries connected by electronic mail, an annual budget of more than £100 million and a huge network — there are 411,000 Greenpeace supporters in Britain alone — of "customers" to please. With growth have come the arguments over corporate policy that any multinational confronts: over investment choices, staffing and corporate style. At the annual meeting next week, Greenpeace's management is braced for the ultimate corporate challenge: a vote of no confidence by its international council of trustees.

Even if the organisation's problems were only those of success, the mere use of the language of the boardroom would be anathema to many Greenpeace activists. Talk of "downsizing" and priorities adds injury to insult. But Greenpeace has little choice: its revenue has been falling for three years. The management now plans to cut its international campaigning budget by 10 per cent and for the second time in two years — to shed nearly 100 staff. Greenpeace's dilemma is not merely, or even primarily, financial, however. The movement's campaign for environmental awareness has reached the stage, in the developed world at least, where many of the subjects of its protests — from saving whales to the threat to the ozone layer or (with scientific caveats) global warming — are now taken seriously by policymakers. The organisation risks crossing the threshold of the Establishment. Growing up is hard for any grassroots movement; but it is even harder for Greenpeace than for organisations such as Oxfam, because it was founded on an ideology of "direct action". Its trademark is the spectacular protest; its sunken flagship, the *Greenpeace Warrior*. Therein lies much of its glamour for the young — and its ability to raise money. But the movement's personality is split between diehard activists and those who believe that it must develop a role beyond mere protest. Greenpeace researchers last year published a report endorsing World Bank efforts to tackle the ozone layer, yet this month Greenpeace activists disrupted the opening of the annual conference of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund in protest against those same policies.

Greenpeace International has been without a permanent executive director since last year, when Paul Gilding, who argued that Greenpeace should co-operate more with industry in seeking solutions to environmental damage, resigned. Greenpeace is also divided over whether to concentrate more of its budget on the fast-growing environmental problems in Asia, where it has no offices outside Japan, or whether it should remember that it is in countries such as Germany that its bread is buttered. But Germany offers guidance of another sort. The Greens there did far better in this week's elections than in 1990, because they are now led by a realist. Greenpeace activists who think that its credibility is based only on protest should think again. It has won its early battles; it must now find a mature role.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Spotlight on private-life disclosures by Prince of Wales

From Mrs Edwina Currie, MP for Derbyshire South (Conservative)

Sir, The issue, surely, is not whether the Prince and Princess of Wales should divorce; that is entirely a matter for them, though it is hard to understand why two people who clearly make each other so unhappy should want to stay together any longer.

Nor, in my view, is it a question of whether a divorced man can become monarch. Most people would say today that divorced status should not be a factor in assessing whether a person can do a job properly or not.

If the Church of England, of which he might become head, has problems with divorce, it might reflect that if divorced men can be its priests, then accommodating the Prince should be easy. The Catholic Church might have more objections, but then he's not in line to become the head of that.

No: the problem is not whether a divorced man could become king, but whether *this* divorced man could. He has claimed that he co-operated with Mr Dimbleby because he wanted the truth to come out. He has got his way: the truth is out, and it is not nice.

That a man so selfish, so uncaring, so inconsiderate of the feelings of others, so self-pitying and self-justifying, so immature as endlessly to blame others for his own shortcomings, should be set on the throne: that is becoming unacceptable.

Where is the remorse? Where the shame? Worst of all, to my mind, is the apparent lack of concern or interest shown in the welfare of his sons, and what effect his casual revelations might have on them both now and in the future. That this should come from one who blames his own father for a miserable childhood and difficult adult life is quite unforgivable.

Yours sincerely,
EDWINA CURRIE,
House of Commons.
October 19.

From Mr David Geldart

Sir, In many another sphere, sport for example, I suspect that certain members of the royal family might be deemed to be bringing the game into disrepute and are fit to be sacked. If it has done nothing else, the media attention on the Charles and Diana Show will have made some people think more deeply about the monarchy in general, and about the way we want our country to be governed.

In my view, the last thing we need in a fast-changing world is the creaking old set of institutions that constitute the present ship of State. In times of change, we need leaders who, using the present as a base, can articulate a clear new vision and a more appropriate set of values.

What we do not need is "stability" or "tradition". The monarchy and the rest of the traditional institutions are, by their very existence, backward-looking and prevent our development as a nation.

We should be carefully replacing them with something, and somebody, that will look forward.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID GELDART,
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October 17.

From the Reverend Gavin R. P. Ashenden

Sir, What Prince Charles should be judged upon is not the circumstances in which he found himself, but how he handled himself in those circumstances.

This is what the new book allows us to do. Honesty and courage appear to be predominant. What more could be asked of a future king?

Yours sincerely,
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October 18.

From Mr R. Oldroyd

Sir, For decades now the media have been persecuting, pillorying, misrepresenting and libelling the Prince of Wales. Now, from the same quarter, he is condemned for attempting to set the record straight. The hypocrisy is mind-blowing.

Yours faithfully,
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October 18.

From Sir Frederic Bennett

Sir, When are we going to witness signs of realism introduced into the never-ending debates, sustained by an obsessed media, about the future of the monarchy?

The fundamental fact is that there can never be any change in our monarchical constitution, either in regard to the succession or its maintenance as an integral feature of our nation's historic structure, unless or until a Parliament and a government are elected that are prepared to initiate appropriate legislation and put it on the statute book.

Clearly this Government is not going to do this before the next election; nor is the Opposition going to seek to make it do so.

No sane person can believe that in 1996 either the Tory, Labour or Liberal Democrat parties will include any such proposition in their pre-election manifestos for implementation during the following four or five years.

Are we, the long-suffering and increasingly bored public, to read and listen to irrelevant, ego-driven pontifications for the rest of the millennium?

Yours etc,
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Patients' rights in mental care

From Ms Kate Harrison

Sir, Dr Stephen Martin and Dr Robert Reeves (letter, October 10) advocate a system in which patients could be recalled to hospital if they failed to take prescribed medication, even without evidence that they were "mentally ill".

Such a system would violate the European Convention on Human Rights and would fill hospitals with patients who were there for no reason other than that they had failed to follow their psychiatrist's prescription.

Recent research highlights the fact that neuroleptic drugs are connected with the deaths of as many as one person a week. People have very good reasons for deciding not to take potentially dangerous medication. A law which said that failure to do so would automatically result in a recall to hospital would be indefensible.

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From Professor Robert Bluglass

Sir, Dr Martin and Dr Reeves helpfully draw attention to the German strategy for controlling discharged psychiatric patients who fail to comply with treatment. Current Department of Health policies, such as the care programme approach, improved information systems, supervision registers and legislation to allow supervised discharge, all go some way to improve the management of such patients; but recall to hospital when the patient fails with treatment is only possible for previously dangerous patients who have been discharged by a mental health review tribunal and are "conditionally discharged".

The introducton of similar methods for other patients was rejected on the grounds that it would contravene article 5 of the European Declaration of Human Rights. However, it appears to be possible in Germany.

But that is not the only problem. Hospital purchasing authorities are hamstrung by limited resources for mental health. Despite Department of Health support for the development of additional medium-secure psychiatric beds, in many cases a commitment to purchase beds for the most difficult patients, who may need long periods of care, reduces the resources for other patients.

There is urgent need for a co-ordinated national strategy and resources earmarked specifically for those seriously mentally ill patients who require the 1,200 medium-secure beds which Mr John Bowis, the Parliamentary Secretary for Health, aims to see in place within the next two years.

Yours sincerely,
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October 10.

Minimum wage policy

From Professor Emeritus Glyn Emery

Sir, It is Jeff Rooker (letter, October 14), not Victor Serebriakoff or Michael Ivens (letters, October 8), who misses the implications of a minimum wage policy; because, obsessed with the "exploitation" bogy, he fails to appreciate the simple fact that people are paid low wages when the value of their labour is low.

You cannot make an employer pay more than work is worth. He will simply mechanise, not perhaps immediately, but as soon as he can raise the capital. From the spinning jenny to the automated bank teller, technology has always been able to find ways to replace the low-value component of human effort when needs must.

Far better then to go on supplementing low wages with family credit than replace them with unemployment benefit. Let investment create jobs, even low-paid ones, not destroy them.

Yours faithfully,
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October 16.

ITV programmes

From the Chief Executive of Granada Television and London Weekend Television

Sir, So long as ITV continues to produce home-grown programmes of the calibre and popularity of *Cracker*, *Prime Suspect*, *Coronation Street*, *World in Action*, *The South Bank Show*, *Agatha Christie's Poirot* and *The London Programme*, the longer it will thrive and prosper as the UK's most popular channel.

Given this long list of successes, all of which have been recognised by the Royal Television Society or the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, it is somewhat churlish of Sir Michael Bishop, Chairman of Channel 4 Television (letter, October 15) to imply that ITV's quality of programmes is "distinctly less than flattering".

Yours faithfully,
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Wrong bird

From Mr John Hart

Sir, Your report today on the increase in the grey heron is accurate: only yesterday, rowing past Chiswick Eyot, I espied for the first time in 30 years three heron on the strand of that island, an adult and two juveniles, dutifully spaced out. Higher upriver the spacing grows closer yearly as more heron crowd in seeking feeding stations.

What is not accurate, Sir, is your attribution in the caption of the identity of the two elegant white fowl and their young in a reed-bed nest to grey herons. Grey herons nest in tree-top heronries, as the recently developing one in Isleworth Ait's trees bears witness.

I have the honour to be, Sir, nevertheless, very truly yours,
JOHN HART,
Mortlake Anglian and
Alpha Boat Club,
Kew Meadows Path,
Richmond, Surrey.
October 19.

Road fuel costs

From Mr W. S. Affleck

Sir, You quote Mr Bryan Colley of the Road Haulage Association as anticipating that the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution will propose "swingeing increases" in road fuel costs to "protect the environment" (report, October 14). The increase that you quote is, however, hardly "swingeing", being close to the differences in pump price which can be seen to co-exist at the roadside.

Studies during the 1973-74 energy crisis suggested that motorists need to see something like a sharp doubling in fuel price significantly to affect their use patterns. Lesser or more gradual changes are simply absorbed as necessary added costs for going on as before.

The present proposal will certainly result in additional, inflationary costs being passed on to customers from commercial, high-mileage users for whom the variable cost of fuel is carefully monitored and dominates the total cost of vehicle operation.

For the private motorist, fuel costs are often comparable to the fixed costs of road tax, insurance, depreciation and maintenance. Implementing such a fuel-pricing move, without compensating reductions in road tax or basic insurance costs, is likely to be seen as yet another case of the Treasury wolf, in a poorly fitting environmental sheep's skin, stalking the unfortunate citizen.

Yours sincerely,
W. S. AFFLECK,
Barley Hill, Watledge,
Nailsworth, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
October 16.

From Mr Dennis Connolly

Sir, One way to discourage the consumption of petrol without increasing the financial burden on all road users would be to remove the vehicle excise duty ("road tax") and increase the duty on road fuels to maintain the level of revenue, thus creating a more direct relationship between the total cost per mile of running any vehicle and the fuel consumption.

Those who travel more miles, and those who have inefficient or high-capacity engines — i.e., those who cause most pollution — would be most penalised. Drivers visiting from abroad and those with company cars would have to contribute more than now; even the use of lawn mowers and like equipment would be more carefully considered.

Such a move might even enable current drivers to run a second vehicle — a smaller car or motor cycle — for the great majority of their travelling; it would certainly trigger a wave of research into improving fuel efficiency by engine manufacturers and fuel companies, and would make the managers of company transport fleets think very carefully about the choice of vehicles in their charge.

Yours sincerely,
DENNIS CONNOLLY,
Ryders House, Pingle Lane,
Stone, Staffordshire.
October 14.

From Mrs Liz Elliot

Sir, The indubitable benefits of technology and affluence have made it possible for Mr Howarth (letter, October 17) to live 22 miles from his place of work. Is it not now time to question whether this level of mobility is morally acceptable?

Mr Howarth chooses to commute by car from Dorset to Somerset. His choice necessitates making life more noisy, polluted and unpleasant for people whose homes lie along his route to work. He chooses to use finite fossil fuel and contribute to global warming.

Is there no place in Somerset fit for Mr Howarth to live — perhaps within bicycle-range of his work?

Yours faithfully,
LIZ ELLIOT,
51 Quickley Lane,
Chorleywood, Hertfordshire.
October 15.

Booker dispute

From Mr W. J. B. Meakin

Sir, Mr Thorsten Krings (letter, October 17), in reply to comments that the Booker Prize winner's explicit language unfitted him for the prize, states that "this criticism is complete nonsense".

I find Mr Krings's letter to be complete nonsense. Literature abounds in examples of good and convincing writing describing people and events of the most depraved nature without using language that would offend the most sensitive of susceptibilities. Most 19th-century novels, of which those of Dickens are a good example, are in this category.

I have recently read a harrowing contemporary account of the retreat from Moscow, illustrating the most dreadful behaviour and appalling circumstances imaginable, yet without a word that could give offence.

No, Sir, obscenity is no substitute for scholarship, and filthy language is not necessary for communication.

Yours faithfully,
W. J. B. MEAKIN,
Manor House,
Betsham, Gravesend, Kent.
October 17.

From Mr Douglas Verrall

Sir, Simon Jenkins's appraisal of this year's Booker Prize winner ("An expletive of a winner", October 15) deserves a prize in itself for warning literary innocents, myself among them, not to invest in what should be, and generally has been, an annual celebration of artistic choice and achievement.

This deluge of filth and distorted language should have remained in the author's muddied stream of consciousness and not paraded as art. I, for one, am grateful for the warning and relieved that I count myself spared any further exposure to this witless garbage.

Yours sincerely,
DOUGLAS VERRALL,
3 Springfield Road,
St Leonards on Sea, East Sussex.
October 15.

From Mr Frank Stratton

Sir, When footballers swear at referees they are sent from the field for using "foul language", but when playwrights and novelists do much the same thing, this is usually referred to as "using expletives".

Yours faithfully,
F. STRATTON,
1 Dears Wood,
Knebworth, Hertfordshire.
October 17.

LSE fundraising

From Dr J. M. Ashworth, Director, London School of Economics and Political Science

Sir, John O'Leary's article on Oxford University's admirable fundraising campaign (October 8, later editions) is incorrect when it claims that the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) "recently re-launched its fundraising operation after failing to meet an initial target of £10 million in five years".

We have no such target; nor, therefore, have we failed to meet it. Rather, the school's fundraising efforts in the past have invariably met their targets and our next such effort — the "Second Century Campaign" — is under way, with a target of some £40 million by the turn of the century, linked to our centenary next year.

Both our celebratory and our fundraising plans are firmly on track, and we look forward confidently to the support of all those who value our work.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ASHWORTH,
Director,
London School of Economics
and Political Science,
Houghton Street, WC2.
October 10.

A will to live

From Mr Richard Radcliffe

Sir, If, after hearing about Make a Will Week, Alan Coren (October 19) really wants to annoy his relatives he should take note of research statistics which we ponder over when advising charities on legacy campaigns. The research shows that you are likely to die 4.1 years after making/changing your will. If Mr Coren did so every 4.0 years he would have a good chance of living forever.

Yours on borrowed time,
RICHARD RADCLIFFE
(Senior Charities Consultant),
Buzzacott & Co,
4 Wood Street, EC4.
October 19.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 19: The Prince Edward, Patron, the London Mozart Players, this evening attended a Concert at the Fairfield Halls, Croydon.

Mrs Richard Warburton was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 19: The Princess Royal, Patron, the Butler Trust, this morning visited HM Prison Dungavel House, Strathaven, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Lanarkshire ((Mr Hutchinson Sneddon).

Her Royal Highness, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this afternoon visited Lanimer Knitwear Limited, 1 Baxter Lane, Lanark.

The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, later visited Mackinnon of Scotland Limited, Kirshaws Road, Coatbridge.

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, Master, the Worshipful Company of Woolmen, this evening attended a Reception at St James's Palace.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President of the International League for the Protection of Horses, will attend the annual seminar at The Jockey Club Rooms, Newmarket, at 9.45; as Patron of SENSE, the National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, will open two group homes at 37 and 38 Redgate Court, Parnwell Way, Peterborough, at 2.35; and, as Chancellor of London University, will attend the foundation day and dinner at Senate House, Malet Street, WC1, at 6.10.

Princess Margaret, as President of the Guide Association, will attend a reception to launch the Look Wider programme for the senior section at Commonwealth headquarters, Buckingham Palace Road, at 3.55.

The Duke of Gloucester will open the Suffolk Preservation Society's conference "Building Design — A Sense of Place" at the Anthenaeum, Bury St Edmunds, at 10.20; and will open the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution's Manson Gardens, Northgate Street, at 2.10.

The Duchess of Gloucester will visit RAF Uxbridge at 11.00.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of Unicef UK, will attend a concert and dinner at Eton College at 6.50.

Memorial services

Mr G.W.Dunkerley
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr George William Dunkerley, formerly of KPMG Peat Marwick, was held yesterday at the Church of St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe, London, EC4. The Rev John Paul officiated. Mr Peter Dunkerley, son, read the lesson and Sir John Grenside gave an address.

Mr Oliver Roskill
The memorial service for Mr Oliver Wentworth Roskill, industrial consultant, was held yesterday at the Priory Church of St Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield. The Ven Michael Till, Archdeacon of Canterbury, officiated, assisted by Prebendary Michael Shrewsbury and Canon Eric Essery. The Hon Mrs David Roberts, niece, read the lesson and Captain Charles Fetherston-Dilke and Mrs Jeremy Goad gave readings. Miss Sophie Till, great-niece, played the *Andante* from Bach's Violin Concerto No I in A Minor.

Sir John Boreham
A memorial service for Sir John Boreham was held on October 7 at St Mary's, Kippington, Sevenoaks. Canon John Lowe officiated. Keith Hardwick, Robin Butler, Rosemary Butler, Simon Boreham, Roger Jowell and Chelly Halsey gave addresses. The pianist was Birgit Rohowsky.

THE TIMES BRIDGE

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BY JOHN GRAHAM

I make no apology for this deal: I saw it happen. It is difficult to assess whether North's heart bid or West's doubles merit the more archly raised eyebrow. All one can say is that in rubber bridge these things happen, even with players who have been at the game 30 years or more.

The contract failed by one trick, whereas in clubs South would have made 12 tricks against any lead. North's four heart bid was born of panic, which has no place at any card table. He broke one rule of logic and one of psychology.

The logic is that South must have a huge club suit. Of course North hates the bid, but his big red cards will retain their value in a club contract. South, by contrast, will have eight or nine useful cards in a club contract but only three or four in hearts. Clubs must be the right place.

The psychological reality is that if North trusts his partner and a catastrophe ensues, he will not be to blame. He didn't trust his partner: that was his mistake. South in turn imagined the North hand to be something like 2-5-6-0 (which it should have been), in which case four hearts was not unreasonable. He *did* trust his partner: that was his mistake.

Birthdays today

Sir James Ackers, former chairman, West Midlands Regional Health Authority, 59; Sir Colin Barker, former chairman, British Technology Group, 68; Mr Hume Boggis-Rolfe, former deputy secretary, Lord Chancellor's Office, 83; Sir Edwin Bolland, diplomat, 72; the Right Rev Stanley Booth-Clibborn, former Bishop of Manchester, 70; Mr Ray Buckton, trade unionist, 72; Mr Chris Cowdrey, cricketer, 37; Professor Sir Bernard Crossland, mechanical engineer, 71; Mr Lawrence Daly, trade unionist, 70; Professor Sir Douglas Hague, former chairman, Economic and Social Research Council, 68; Mr Eddie Macken, showjumper, 45; Judge Deirdre McKinney, 66; Miss Enid Marx, painter and designer, 92; Mr J.G. Milne Home, former Lord Lieutenant of Dumfries and Galloway, 78; Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, 68; Sir Anthony Reeve, diplomat, 56; Mr Ian Rush, footballer, 33; Professor S.B. Saul, former Vice-Chancellor, York University, 70; Sir William Shapland, chartered accountant, 82; Sir Alexander Stirling, diplomat, 68; the Hon Emma Tennant, writer, 57; Mr Timothy West, actor, 60.

Meeting

Royal Thames Yacht Club
The Duke of York was elected Commodore of the Royal Thames Yacht Club at the annual meeting held yesterday at 60 Knightsbridge. The following were also elected:
Vice Commodore, Mr John O. Prentice; Rear Commodores, Mr Ross Walker and Mr Peter J.K. Haslehurst.

Luncheon

Tallow Chandlers' Company
Professor P.G. Moore, Master of the Tallow Chandlers' Company, presented the company's medals and awards to young employees in the Federation of Fats, Oils and Seeds Association, the Duncan Knight Scholarship to Mr Jatinder Ahluwauwalia and the Theatre Lighting Scholarship to Mr Craig Bowker at a luncheon held yesterday at Tallow Chandlers' Hall.

Service dinners

RNR Officers' Dining Club
Captain Ashe Lincoln, QC, RNVR, presided at a Royal Naval Reserve Officers' Dining Club Ladies' Night and Trafalgar Dinner held on board *HQS Wellington* last night. Admiral Sir Benjamin Bathurst, GCB, ADC, Chief of Naval Staff and First Sea Lord, and Lady Bathurst were Guests of Honour. Admiral Bathurst proposed the toast "The Immortal Memory".

The Light Infantry
Major-General Michael Regan presided at the annual dinner of The Light Infantry Club held last night at the Naval and Military Club.

Dinner

European-Atlantic Group
Lord Richard, QC, Leader of the Opposition, House of Lords, addressed a meeting of the European-Atlantic Group held last night in the House of Commons by courtesy of Mr Peter Temple-Morris, MP, a vice-chairman, who presided. Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, president, was in the chair at a dinner-discussion held afterwards at St James's Court Hotel, SW1.

Reception

British Safety Council
Mr Neville Trotter, MP, was the host at a reception given by the British Safety Council last night at the House of Commons for the presentation of Diplomas in Safety Management awards.

Middle Temple

Mrs Stella Hollis and Mr Alan Moses, QC, have been elected Masters of the Bench.

DENZIL MCNEELANCE



The Duchess of Hamilton and Brandon with a Flora-for-Fauna poster yesterday

Gardeners welcome in wildlife

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

GARDENERS are to be encouraged to grow more trees, shrubs and flowers that provide food and shelter for wildlife in a campaign launched yesterday in the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew.

The aim is to turn the country's 16 million household gardens into refuges for birds, butterflies, small mammals and other creatures driven from the countryside by industrialised farming.

In the first phase of the campaign, entitled Flora-for-Fauna, 25,000 booklets will be sent to around 100 garden centres highlighting 25 plant species of special importance for wildlife. Labels will be attached to the plants explaining their ecological role.

The Duchess of Hamilton and Brandon, a keen amateur botanist who conceived the idea, said: "Anyone with a garden can help to redress the balance of declining species by growing more hospitable plants — those providing nectar for butterflies and bees, the right kind of leaves for larvae, berry-bearing shrubs for birds and thick bushes that give shelter for nesting."

A computer disc containing data on the diet and habitat of different animals and the plants with which they interact is available from the Linnean Society of London, which is backing the campaign. Other sponsors include English Nature, the British Trust for Ornithology and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

One problem is that many nursery-grown varieties on sale in garden centres have been deliberately bred to produce no insect-luring nectar or pollen, which makes them ideal for display as cut flowers but useless as food for wildlife. Among the best plants for birds, according to the booklet, are oak, goat willow, hawthorn, hazel, wild cherry, English ivy, elder, honeysuckle, pyracantha, blackberries and herbs.

Butterfly-lovers should grow nectar-rich flowers such as buddleia, marjoram, bird's foot trefoil, aubrietia, bluebells, forget-me-nots, primroses, marigolds and lavender. Tortoiseshells like yellow and blue flowers but will not touch blue or blue-green.

Night-scented flowers, such as sweet rocket, evening primrose, tobacco plant, soapwort and bladder campion, attract moths and other flying insects, providing food for bats, which come out onlyat night.

☐ Details of the booklet and disc are available from Flora-for-Fauna, c/o The Linnean Society of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1V 0LQ.

New officers

Loriners' Company
The following have been elected officers of the Loriners' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Sir Francis McWilliams; Upper Warden, Mr John F.S. Northcott; Under Warden, Mr John A. Bischoff.

Wheelwrights' Company
The following have been elected officers of the Wheelwrights' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr B.P. Boreham; Upper Warden, Mr T.J.T. Metcalf; Renter Warden, Mr J.P. Holland.

Appointments

Mr Patrick Edward Robertshaw to be a Circuit Judge on the north eastern circuit.

Mr Evan Stone, QC, to be a member of the Committee of Trustees of the Country Houses Association.

Mr Edward Read has been elected chairman of the General Committee of the Royal Scottish Automobile Club.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir Christopher Wren, architect and scientist, East Knoyle, Wiltshire, 1632; Henry John Temple, 3rd Viscount Palmerston, Prime Minister 1855-58 and 1859-65, Broadlands, Hampshire, 1784; Colin Campbell, Baron Clyde, field marshal, Glasgow, 1792; Thomas Hughes, author of *Tom Brown's Schooldays*, Uffington, Berkshire, 1822; Odilon Redon, painter, Bordeaux, 1840; Arthur Rimbaud, poet, Charleville, France, 1854; John Dewey, educator and philosopher, Burlington, Vermont, 1859; Charles Ives, composer, Danbury, Connecticut, 1874; Sir James Chadwick, physicist, Nobel laureate 1935, Manchester, 1891; Sir James Chadwick, physicist, Nobel laureate 1935, Manchester, 1891.

DEATHS: Jacopo Della Quercia, sculptor, Bologna, 1438; William Wollaston, philosopher, London, 1724; Grace Darling, heroine of the Forfarshire wreck, Bamborough, Northumberland, 1842; Sir Richard Burton, explorer and scholar, Trieste, 1890; James Anthony Froude, historian, Kingsbridge, Devon, 1894; Arthur Henderson, Labour Party leader and statesman, Nobel Peace laureate 1934, London, 1935; Herbert Hoover, 31st American President 1929-33, New York, 1964; P.A.M. Dirac, physicist, Nobel laureate 1933, Florida, 1984; Sheila Scott, aviatrix, London, 1988.

King George I was crowned, 1714.

The boundary between Canada and the United States was established at the 49th parallel, 1818.

The first edition of *The Sunday Times* was published, 1822.

Latest wills

Beatrice Mary Horne, of London SW3, left estate valued at £4,309,516 net.

She left £3,000 each to the Royal Artillery Charitable Fund, Imperial Cancer Research Fund and RNIB.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr K.M. Aylmer and Miss L.R.M. Dixon
The engagement is announced between Kenneth, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.G. Aylmer, of Oxford, and Ilona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs S.C. Dixon, of Oxford.

Mr R. Batt and Miss R. Brand
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of the late Christopher Batt and of Mrs Batt, of East Beckham, Norfolk, and Rosabelle, daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs Michael Brand, of Little Venice, London.

Mr M.A.R. Hawes and Miss S.C. Mountford
The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr Kevin Hawes and the late Mrs Hawes, of Melbourne, Australia, and Sophie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Mountford, of Thames Ditton, Surrey.

Dr A.O. Jackson and Miss W. Etherton
The engagement is announced between Anthony, younger son of the late Dr Oliphant Jackson and of Mrs E.K.M. Jackson, of Little Stagenhoe, Norfolk, and Wendy, daughter of Major and Mrs R.P. Etherton, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Mr S.M.P. Kelly and Miss H.M. Cormack
The engagement is announced between Stephen Martin Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Kevin Kelly, and Helen Madeleine, daughter of the late Mr M.O. Cormack and of Lady Miranda Cormack.

Mr J.O. Leighton and Miss S.K.L. Granby
The engagement is announced between James, son of the late Mr Roger Leighton and of Mrs Anne Leighton, of Olney, Buckinghamshire, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr Nicholas Granby, of Milan, Italy, and Mrs Pauline Granby, of Wimbledon Village, London.

Mr R.E. Margolis and Miss K.H. Jeffrey
The engagement is announced between Roy Ethan, son of Mr and Mrs Sol Margolis, of Hampstead, London, and Katharine Helen, daughter of Mr John Jeffrey, of Markwick Cottage, Godalming, Surrey and of the late Mrs Oonagh Jeffrey.

Mr J.C. Maude and Miss B.A. Wadeson
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Charles, son of Mr and Mrs John Maude, of Preston, Hertfordshire, and Barbara Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Wadeson, of East Grinstead, West Sussex.

Mr J.E. Paton and Miss C.M. Palma
The engagement is announced between Jock Esmond, only son of Major and Mrs Esmond Paton, of Poyntington, Dorset, and Carolina Matilde, daughter of Mr and Mrs Fernando Palma, of Viña del Mar, Chile.

Mr B. Powell and Miss S. Eldred
The engagement is announced between Benjamin, son of Mr and Mrs David Powell, of Orlingbury, Northamptonshire, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Eldred, of Chelveston, Northamptonshire.

Mr J.M.A. Samengo-Turner and Miss E.M. Frazer
The engagement is announced between Julian, youngest son of Mr and Mrs William Samengo-Turner, of Montegabbione, Italy, and Emma, youngest daughter of Major P.N.S. Frazer, of Nevis, West Indies and The Hon Mrs Rowcliffe, of Puddington, Devon.

Mr R.C. Van Den Bergh and Miss C.E. Aslett
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs C. Edward Van Den Bergh, of Billingshurst, West Sussex, and Camilla, eldest daughter of the late Mr Michael Aslett and the late Mrs Amtoni Paterson, of Barns Green, West Sussex.

Heritage fund saves Victorian fair ride

BY JOHN YOUNG

FOUR fairground rides — one of them a rare example from the Victorian era — were among historic attractions saved with grants totalling £10.5 million last year.

Money from the National Heritage Memorial Fund included £1 million to the British Museum for the Hoxne treasure, the fund's report for 1993-94 showed yesterday.

Unusual items deemed worth preserving included the Victorian Rodeo Switchback, now on show at the Three Mills workshop in east London. It is eventually destined for a new fairground museum in Northampton. The brightly-painted 1880s roundabout, converted from steam to electricity in about 1911, is the only British-built ride of its type left.

Dodgems dating to 1929, a 1939 speedway thought to be one of only two in existence, and a 50-year-old Skid ride were also on the fund's list. The four rides were bought with a £250,000 grant.

The British Museum's Hoxne treasure, a hoard of Roman coins and jewellery discovered in Suffolk, prompted the largest single grant. But the fund complained that unless it had stepped in, the hoard, costing a total of £1.75 million, would have had to be split up. The museum's grant from the Government was "woefully inadequate", the report said.

Next year the fund is expected to have its budget boosted massively to £170 million by the National Lottery. If the predictions of the Camelot group, the lottery operator, are fulfilled, that could rise to around £320 million in five years' time. Museums, archives, churches, historic ships and parks stand to benefit.

Lord Rothschild, the heritage fund chairman, said he hoped nature conservation and landscape protection would account for a significant part of the expenditure.

The fund might buy great works of art and, where appropriate, "repatriate" those that had been sold abroad. But there was much to be done in this country and he would prefer to see resources concentrated on improving the quality of life in Britain.

Lord Rothschild said it was important not to start too many large capital projects which in future years might divert money from other projects which were already underfunded.

Although the fund was unable to assist private owners, he hoped that small trusts and groups would receive as much consideration as large organisations such as English Heritage and the National Trust.

Lord Rothschild said he would prefer funds to go to securing the future of existing collections rather than opening new "heritage centres" for which there was little demand.

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There is no salvation through anyone else; in all the world no other name has been granted to mankind by which we can be saved. Acts of the Apostles 4 : 12 (REB)

BIRTHS

ALANKARY - On October 15th at the Wellington Hospital, to Mouch and Khalid, a beautiful daughter, Maha.

ALSTER - On October 17th at the Wellington Hospital, to Sally and Henri, the most wonderful daughter, Francesca Kate Emily, a sister for Adam.

BANNISTER - On October 13th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Marjorie (née Bertus) and Clive, a son, Charlton Alexander Roger.

BERESFORD - On October 18th, to Evelyne (née Hoskin) and Valentine, a son, Ferdinand John Patrick, a brother for Simeone.

BUFFERY - On October 17th, to Karen (née Cregg) and Mark, a daughter, Alexandra Tara.

BUSH - On October 14th, to Louise and Peter, a son, Caleb William Murray, a brother for Antony, Allan, Andrew, Catherine and Jacqueline.

CULLINGWORTH - On October 13th 1994 at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Julie (née Smith) and Simon, a daughter, Evangeline Mair, a sister for Phoebe and Pippa Rose.

HOLWELL - On October 17th, to Charlotte (née Leleux) and Christopher, a son, Edward John Sydney.

HUNTER - On October 13th, to Adriana and David, a son, Max James.

LANCE - On October 16th in Paris, to Henrietta (née Lloyd) and Bruno, a daughter, Charlotte Alexandra.

BIRTHS

MYERSCOUGH - On September 2nd at Fazakerley Hospital, Liverpool, to Shirley (née Antonio) and John, a daughter, Jennifer Clare, a sister for Christopher.

PEEK - To Melanie (née Waterson) and Richard, a son, Michael George, on 19th October 1994, at North Devon District Hospital, A brother for Tammy & Matthew.

PUGH - On October 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Beverley (née Storkey) and Giles, a son, Alexander, a brother for Sophie and Genevieve.

RISTER - On October 18th at The Portland Hospital, to Suzanne (née Pell) and Stephen, a healthy baby boy, Marc James, 7lbs 14oz.

SCHRÖDER - On October 12th, to Peter and Gwen, a daughter, Belinda Elisabeth, Welcome to the world Bella.

TALBOT-WILLIAMS - On October 17th, to Lucinda and Simon, a son.

TREVELYAN - On October 14th, to Angela and Charles, a daughter, Henrietta.

DEATHS

ABERCROMBIE - Keith Charles, aged 69, peacefully after a brave fight. Much loved by his family and all who knew him. Funeral today, Thursday, at Lariano, Italy.

DEATHS

BUTTON - On October 10th, peacefully in hospital, Monica (née Christie), aged 84 years.

BARKER - Elizabeth Jane Dalrymple, on 28th September in South America, of a tragic accident. Much loved daughter of John and Jane and sister of Simon and Caroline. Funeral Service will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, on Monday 24th October at 12noon, Private burial at Sutton Road Cemetery. Flowers or donations to Britta Dolan Memorial Cancer Fund c/o F.P. Culver & Sons Ltd., 641 Southchurch Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. A Memorial Service will be held in London at a later date.

CAULFIELD - Sir Bernard, on 17th October 1994, peacefully in Lincoln, aged 80. The revered father of Johnny, Edward, Mary and Michael, proud grandfather of Alexander, husband of Sheila, greatly loved brother and uncle, friend and wise counsellor to so many. Requiem mass and burial at the Church of Saint Anne and Blessed Dominic, Monastery Lane, Sutton, St Helens, Merseyside, on Monday 24th October at 11.30 am, to which all who knew him will be most welcome.

DEATHS

CROUCH - John, passed away peacefully in the early hours of 19th October, aged 69. Dearly loved, his wife and children "pray that we may merrily meet in heaven." The funeral is at Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, on Tuesday 25th October at 11 am. Family flowers only please; contributions to Cancer Research and Princess Alice Hospice via the family.

DUFFUS - On October 16th, peacefully at Riverhill Care Home, Woodbridge, Suffolk, Margaret Catherine, aged 93. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Church Street, Woodbridge, Suffolk, on Friday October 28th at 2 pm. Cut flowers only. All enquiries to E.S. Button & Sons, 24 St John's Street, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

FALKUS - On 18th October 1994, Gordon Herbert Arthur, Freeman and Liveryman of the Carpenters Company, peacefully at home after a long and difficult illness in Elm House, Duttlingham. Interment will take place at St Mary's Church, Duttlingham, Thursday 27th October at 2pm. Flowers to Southgate of Newmarket. Funeral Directors, 25 Duchess Drive or donations to The Marie Curie Foundation.

FREER - On October 19th, suddenly at home, Kenneth Robert, aged 69, beloved husband of Cleira (formerly Hewitt), much loved father of Alison and Michael. Funeral Service at St Mary's, Abbotskerswell, on Tuesday 25th October 11.15 am. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Rowcroft Hospice, Torquay.

DEATHS

GORDON - On October 18th, peacefully at home, Jeffrey Gordon LDS RCS, dearly loved husband of Enid, loving father of Matthew and Julian and grandfather. Service at Bournemouth Crematorium Monday 24th October at 11.30 am. Family flowers only but if desired donations to Macmillan Nursing Service c/o A.E. Jolliffe & Son, Fernsdown, Dorset.

HEARN - Peacefully in hospital on 17th October 1994, The Hon. K'OG. She will be sadly missed by all her family. Funeral Service at Salisbury Crematorium on Wednesday 26th October at 3 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the R.S.P.B. c/o I.N. Newman Ltd., Griffin House, 65 Winchester Street, Salisbury, Wilts.

LEWES - On October 17th, Dorothy, widow of Dymoke Henry Colebrooke Lewes, Tea Planter, late of Sri Lanka. Cremation private. No flowers, donations if desired to Royal British Legion, 48 Pall Mall, London SW1.

LINDARS - John Henry, died peacefully, aged 78, on October 17th 1994. Dearly loved husband, father, grandfather and brother. Memorial Service at Kingsbury Episcopi Church, 12.30 pm October 21st. No flowers, but if desired, donations to British Heart Foundation.

MARSH - On 14th October, peacefully in hospital, aged 79, Ronald Martin, beloved father of David and Christine. Funeral service at The Church of St Gregory and St Martin, Wye, Kent on Monday 24th October at 12 noon.

DEATHS

MASON - On October 17th, suddenly in Vancouver, B.C., aged 87, Anthony Howard Mason (Tony). Dearly loved husband of Vicki, father of Ted and Katie. Funeral Service on Friday 21st October. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Variety Club, 1280, Homer Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 2Y8.

McGRATH - Peacefully at home on 16th October, Dr. Patrick G. McGrath CB, CBE, FRCPsych., beloved husband of Helen, father of Patrick, Stephen, Judy and Simon. Requiem Mass at Holy Ghost Church, Crowthorne, at 12 noon on Monday 24th October. Private cremation thereafter. Family flowers only, donations to Macmillan Nurses.

PAINE - On October 17th, peacefully in Bristol, Nell Maude, beloved wife of the late Ronald Paine, much loved mother of Christopher, Sandy, Timothy and Rosemary, dear grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral Service at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 25th October at St Paul's Church, Clifton, Bristol, followed by cremation. Donations if desired to NSPCC.

PHILLIPS - On Thursday 13th October, Virginia Margot J.P., peacefully after a long illness bravely borne. Much beloved by Tom, Andrew and Anne. Funeral has taken place, but donations can be made to The Ayrshire Hospice, Racecourse Road, Ayr.

SPENCE - On 18th October, suddenly, Margaret Summerford, aged 83 years, of Bield and Preston Crowsnorth, widow of Donald and beloved mother of Anne, Robin, Christopher and Peter. Funeral at St Helen's Church, Benson, Oxfordshire, 12 noon Monday 24th October.

DEATHS

STEVENS - Edwin, on 17th October 1994, aged 89 years. Very much loved father of Colin and grandfather of Phillip. "It can truly be said that he left the world a little better for having lived in it". Funeral at Cheltenham Crematorium on Wednesday October 26th at 2 pm. Flowers welcomed. Enquiries to: (0571) 810686.

SUMMERSKILL - Michael, 28th November 1927 - 18th October 1994. Funeral private. No flowers please; donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

TAYLOR - On October 17th, peacefully at Verrington Hospital, Wincanton, Somerset, aged 86, Geoffrey Edward, husband of Joan Taylor. Funeral private; please no flowers but donations to either Verrington Hospital or Yeovil District Hospital.

TOMPKIN - Joseph George, on 14th October 1994, peacefully, at St Peters Hospital, Chertsey. Funeral 24th October at St Mary's Church, Outlands, with burial at Burvale Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations if desired, to The British Diabetic Association c/o F.W. Cuttly & Co., 26 Bressey House, New Zealand Avenue, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey KT12 1QQ.

TOULMIN - On 17th October 1994, in Guildford Hospital, Arthur Heaton (Mike) aged 84, Former Solicitor of Reigate, beloved father of John, father-in-law of Caroline and grandfather of Geoffrey, Alison and Hilary. The funeral service will take place at Guildford Crematorium on Tuesday 25th October at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to The National Children's Home c/o Cranleigh Funerals, Sussex House, Ewhurst Road, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 7AE, (04883) 275788.

DEATHS

TROKE - On October 16th, peacefully in Highgate, Molly, aged 84 years. Much loved sister of Peggy Ann Wood. Funeral Service on October 24th at 1.15 pm at Golders Green Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations to Oxfam, 274 Banbury Road, Oxford, OX2 7DZ.

WILLING - John, on October 18th, peacefully at home in Topsham, after a brave fight against cancer. Much loved husband of Pat, devoted father to Martin and Alison and very much missed grandfather to Victoria, Emma, Katie and Sarah, his "Grandgirls". Funeral Service at St Margaret's, Topsham, at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 25th October. Family flowers only. Donations to Exeter and District Hospice.

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OBITUARIES

AIR MARSHAL SIR PHILIP LAGESEN

Air Marshal Sir Philip Lagesen KCB, DFC, AFC, former Air Officer Commanding No 18 Group RAF, died on October 9 aged 71. He was born on August 25, 1923.



PHILIP LAGESEN won his DFC in a blazing Liberator bomber high above northern Italy in the closing stages of the Second World War. Aged 21, he was co-pilot of the South African Air Force (SAAF) aircraft when it was hit by a German fighter and caught fire. Although one of the two air gunners bailed out, the other was badly burnt.

Clambering back from his seat at the controls, Lagesen, who had trained as a gunner before getting his wings, seized one of the abandoned cannon and shot down the enemy attacker as it swooped in to deliver the *coup de grâce*. Despite being burnt himself he managed to put out the flames rising around him before administering first aid to his stricken comrade — who ever afterwards credited Lagesen with having saved his life.

Twelve years later, in 1957, Lagesen went on to secure his niche in aviation history when he set a new world record for speed and distance by piloting a Canberra bomber on a non-stop flight from Tokyo to London. Two years later still, after also flying non-stop round the world, he added the Air Force Cross to his decorations, for distinguished flying in peacetime. But that was after he had joined the RAF and after much water had flown under the bridge.

Philip Jacobus Lagesen had been born in Johannesburg, the son of a South African government official and grandson of an immigrant from Norway. From his grandfather he was said to have inherited not only his name but his extrovert personality and touch of flamboyance.

Young Philip went to Jeppe High School in Johannesburg from where he stepped almost straight into the war. After enlisting in the SAAF and being commissioned, he served in Madagascar and the Middle East before being posted to the Liberator base at Foggia in southern Italy. He was one of about 250 South African troops who marched through London in the victory parade after the war, before returning to a peacetime staff job in Pretoria.

But Lagesen was becoming increasingly disenchanted. The coming to power of the Nationalist government in South Africa after the war led to the politicisation of the services. Unhappy about the direction that things were taking, he resigned and applied to join the RAF. The date was November 1951 and Flight Lieutenant Lagesen was still only 28.

After qualifying as an RAF flying instructor he promptly returned to southern Africa to serve in the Rhodesian Air Training Group until 1953. He then moved to Kenya during the Mau Mau campaign, flying on anti-terrorist missions over the bush from a small airbase in the highlands.

Returning to this country he served with No 50 Squadron before joining the staff of the RAF Flying College at Manby, Lincolnshire. It was during his time at Manby that he carried out his record-breaking flight as well as his similar epic round the world. It was while he was flying round the world that his fellow pilot's Mae West lifejacket suddenly inflated. Lagesen had to free him by stabbing through the jacket with his knife.

He acted as personal staff officer to the C-in-C Middle East, 1959-61, before returning to this country to take over No 12 Squadron, equipped with Vulcan bombers. In 1964 he was appointed Wing Commander (operations) at No 1 Group after which he commanded Tengah airbase in Singapore. He was known at Tengah for his South African bull whip which he carried round with him or kept coiled up on his desk. There is no record, however, of his ever having used it.

In 1969 Lagesen completed a short tour as senior personnel staff officer in Strike Command before taking up the post of director of operations (strike) at the Ministry of Defence. He became senior air staff officer at Strike Command, 1972-73, deputy commander RAF Germany, 1973-75, then AOC of No 1 Group, overseeing its British based strike and attack forces of nuclear and conventional bombers.

Finally, in 1978, he took over No 18 Group, the Maritime Command which is co-located with the Royal Navy's Fleet Headquarters at Northwood, Middlesex. The command, which carries a dual Nato role, was the only one in Britain to be commanded by a full air marshal as opposed to an air vice-marshal. He was knighted in the following year.

On retiring in 1980 Lagesen returned to South Africa, where he bought a house in the hills some 20 miles from Durban and spent his daylight hours playing golf. Golf (he had a handicap of six) was one of the main passions of his life. Motorcars were another and at one time he was an accomplished rally driver.

An admirer of Nelson Mandela and of F. W. de Klerk, he always remained optimistic about South Africa and its chances of surmounting racial tensions. During the past few years he had worked hard for the Independent Development Trust, set up to help disadvantaged black communities. He helped to supervise the building of schoolrooms in black villages and was up country in northern Natal on IDT business when he contracted the meningitis from which he died — shortly after celebrating his golden wedding anniversary.

Tall and fair haired with blue eyes, Lagesen will be remembered by the RAF as one of the "characters" of his generation — larger than life with a strong sense of fun and happiest when in command in the front line.

He is survived by his wife Dulcie, whom he had known since childhood, and by their son and daughter.

TANIA GORDON

Tania Gordon, painter, died in London on October 5 aged 93. She was born in Vilna, Russia, on April 26, 1901.



TANIA GORDON was a painter of some distinction, and one of a dwindling number of Baltic Jews, mostly Lithuanian, who emigrated to England, South Africa and the United States in the first decades of the century.

In London these included the Berlins (the parents of Isaiah), the Brittans (parents of Samuel and Leon) and the Gordons, all of whom were friends. Tania's children included David Gordon, the former chief executive of *The Economist* and now of ITN, and Max Gordon, a leading designer of art galleries. As a social group which centred around Hampstead, they were interested in the arts, literature and philosophy more than business.

Tamara Tania Gordon was born in Vilna (now Vilnius), one of five children of the headmaster of the local high school, known as "the professor". She married Sholom Gordon, from another prominent Vilna family and they emigrated first to South Africa, in the late 1920s, and then to London, where her husband had a successful career as an industrialist. Their home in Hampstead was a centre of lavish hospitality to both Russians and non-Russians. Indeed when Prince George Galitzine first met Tania Gordon — an emotional occasion on which they recited Pushkin to each other — he exclaimed that her Russian was as pure as his father's, and like his, untainted by later Soviet incursions.

She took up painting quite late, in her fifties, but did not stop until she was nearly 90. Her technique was remarkable in her masterful use of the palette knife. She never used a brush, and would cut open the tube of paint — "a Caesarean" she briskly called it — and then with deft, assured strokes, apply the paint directly onto the canvas. Her subjects, which were mostly flowers and landscapes, were intensely alive, full of colour and exuberance.

She exhibited in London at the Jefferies and Whibly Galleries, and abroad at the Wolfsberg Gallery in Zurich. She was also shown in the Royal Academy and the Salon de Paris. Though not in the Saatchi Gallery mould, she used wistfully to regret that her paintings were not hung there, as it was her son Max who had designed the gallery for Charles Saatchi.

Rudolf Nureyev was one of her admirers. They met first after a performance of *Swan Lake* in the early 1960s at the Royal Opera House, when he partnered Nadia Nerina, Tania Gordon's daughter-in-law. In Nerina's dressing room, Tania said to him, in Russian: "You shouldn't dance with my Nadyenka, you shouldn't dance with Margot, you shouldn't dance with anyone. You are very good on stage. You should dance on your own." Nureyev roared with laughter, and thereafter she was invited to one of his performances every year.

Tania Gordon was petite, stylish, with expressive features. To other artists, her enthusiastic advocacy of the palette knife technique was quite infectious. She was a forthright woman who continued to show the vitality of a much younger person, even when very old.

She is survived by her three sons and a daughter, her son Max having predeceased her, as did her husband.

ANNA HAUPTMANN

Anna Hauptmann, widow of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, the alleged kidnapper of the Lindbergh baby, who was executed in 1936, died in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on October 10 aged 95. She was born Anna Schoeffler in Markgröningen, Germany.

IT WAS "the Trial of the Century" and very probably the greatest miscarriage of justice in American history, when Richard Hauptmann was convicted in 1935 of the kidnapping and murder of the infant Charles Augustus Lindbergh three years previously. The child was the son of Charles Lindbergh, America's most celebrated aviation pioneer who had gained the adulation of the nation for becoming the first person to make a solo flight across the Atlantic in 1927. He was married to Anne Morrow, the daughter of a prominent New Jersey industrialist and politician. The kidnapping of their child shocked the world and the trial and conviction of Hauptmann for the crime attracted unprecedented media coverage internationally. Throughout the ordeal, and for more than half a century afterwards, Anna Hauptmann maintained her husband's innocence and waged a legal battle to have the case reopened and the verdict reversed. But despite mounting evidence that Hauptmann had been wrongly convicted, the legal system of New Jersey refused to admit that it might have made a mistake. Anna's last appeal was rejected in 1991.

The couple had met on Coney Island in the summer of 1924 when Hauptmann, who had stowed away on a ship to reach the United States from his native Germany after getting into trouble with the law, was working as a carpenter. Anna, a year older than her future husband, and a woman of impeccable character, was employed as a maid by a well-to-do Jewish family. They married in 1925 and prospered, often earning more than $100 a week between them, and saving more than $10,000 over the next six years.

The Hauptmanns had intended to move to California shortly after their marriage, but abandoned the idea when their second-hand car broke down at the start of the trip. That breakdown changed the course of their lives, for had they reached the West Coast the world would probably never have heard of them.

When the Lindbergh kidnapping took place, on the night of March 1, 1932, Anna Hauptmann had been working late at the bakery where she was then employed. She was picked up by her husband, and the couple went home to bed. Like everyone in America, she remembered exactly where she was that night — it was an event to match the assassination of President Kennedy — but as an alibi it was to prove useless.

Richard Hauptmann was arrested in September 1934, after spending gold certificates which were part of the Lindbergh ransom money. He claimed to the end that they had been left with him by a man named Isador Fisch, a shady business associate, but Fisch had died of tuberculosis six months previously. As an illegal German immigrant with a criminal record, accused of killing the child of a Great American Hero, Hauptmann did not stand a chance. His trial, in Flemington, New Jersey, was a media circus unprecedented at that time, surrounded by crowds that resembled a lynch mob.



Anna Hauptmann being interviewed for radio in January 1935

Virtually the only people supporting the possibility of his innocence were Anna, who presumably knew it, and the Governor of New Jersey, Harold Hoffman. Hoffman, who had to sign the death warrant, was deeply disturbed by some aspects of the evidence, and especially by Hauptmann's stubborn refusal to admit his guilt. He asked Anna to tell her husband that if only he would admit some involvement in the kidnapping, however slight, he would get the sentence commuted to life imprisonment.

"No, no, no!" Hoffman later reported her as saying. "My husband has only a few hours to live. Could I do that to him — make him think that I, too, believe that he would kill a baby? Would I make Richard think I too have believed those lying witnesses who, for money, would send a good man to die? No, no! Never would I do that. Not even to save my Richard's life would I do that."

And she did not. Hoffman, in the face of intense public opposition, granted a temporary reprieve and launched his own independent investigation into the case, but as Governor he had no power to make the reprieve permanent. Bruno Richard Hauptmann was electrocuted on April 3, 1936, maintaining his innocence to the end, and Anna Hauptmann began the fruitless campaign which was to last the rest of her life.

She leaves her son Manfred.

TOM EGGERDON

Tom Eggerdon, businessman and former Chief Barker of the Variety Club of Great Britain, died on October 7 aged 74. He was born in Winchester on November 19, 1919.

AS CHIEF Barker, or principal, of the Variety Club of Great Britain in 1980, Tom Eggerdon raised more than £2 million for children's charities during his year in office. After retiring to Bournemouth at the age of 63 he became an executive board member of the club and joined the Wessex Barkers.

Eggerdon freely admitted that he would have liked to have been in showbusiness himself as a singer and dancer. He had to realise his Thespian ambitions vicariously instead through his friends, as many of the celebrities he met through the Variety Club were to become. He made his own living in the less uncertain world of motoring. From a small East End garage he rose to become managing director of Wincanton Garages, one of the largest garage chains in Britain, and a subsidiary of Unigate.

He came from a showbusiness family. His father, also named Tom, had originally been an army musician — he played the sousaphone, and string bass — but after moving to London when his son was two, he joined Bert Firman's Orchestra in the Midnight Follies show at the Hotel Metropolis in the West End.

Sometimes the band would broadcast on the old 2LO radio station and the whole family would assemble around the kitchen table to listen. Later, Tom's father found work in the music-halls, and played with various stage bands. Young Tom, who often accompanied his father, was stage-struck, and claimed to know every act on tour and to have memorised every line of the comics' routines.

Eggerdon left school at 14 and found a job in advertising. However, he did not find the work inspiring. In the words of an old music-hall joke, he liked to say that he was forced to leave because of bad health: "The boss got sick of me." He then found work in an East End garage.

He joined the Army in January 1940 and served with the Hampshire Regiment, the Gordon Highlanders and the Royal Ulster Rifles, being demobilised in 1946 with the rank of sergeant. He went back to the garage afterwards but continued to take lessons in dancing, though he admitted he was "no Fred Astaire".

However, his business career flourished. He joined Wincanton Garages when it was still quite a small operation, but helped to build it up to a formidable size, and was particularly involved in the franchising side of the business. He was made managing director of the group in 1975.

In 1968 Sir Fred Pontin — the Chief Barker that year — introduced him to the Variety Club. Eggerdon became an executive committee member in 1973, and did much sterling work for the organisation. One of the best functions during his year as Chief Barker was his Unigate-sponsored lunch, a tribute to Gene Kelly.

Eggerdon was a good-humoured man — reliable, shrewdly efficient and calm under pressure. He was married to Pam, who had been one of the London Savoy Hotel Dancers, but they later separated. He leaves two sons from that marriage, and his companion for the last three years, Lois.

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The Dowager Empress of Russia was buried today as the daughter of one and the mother of another country. During the last few days the plain coffin in the Russian Church has been covered by a mountain of flowers and wreaths, sent from far and wide by Kings and Presidents, and by the women of Slesvig; and at the last moment a former officer of the Empress's own Regiment of Guards placed the historic Icon of the regiment on the coffin. Yesterday more than 5,000 Copenhageners filed through the church and past the catafalque.

From an early hour this morning the church was thronged with members of the House of Romanoff. Princes, officers, former Ministers of the Russian Crown, other Russian exiles from all parts of Europe, and members of the local Russian colony attending the Mass. Later, at the beginning of the actual funeral ceremony, the King and Queen of Denmark, the King of Norway, the Crown Prince of Sweden, who both arrived this morning, the Duke of York, the former Grand Duke of Mecklenburg, brother of the Queen of Denmark, and the Grand Duchess, the former Duke and Duchess of Brunswick, and all the members of the Danish Royal Family arrived and were received at the entrance by the Grand Duke Cyril, the head of the House of Romanoff. The whole congregation, according to Russian custom, held lighted tapers. The priest of the local Russian community, Father Koltcheff, conducted the memorial service, and "as the humble spokesman of the Russian people" referred to the late Empress as the Little Mother of Russia and expressed the hope that she in her heaven would some day see the victory of truth and justice, and "may her spirit strengthen our belief in the future of our Fatherland."

After this service the coffin was carried out of the church and taken in the Royal hearse to the Eastern Railway Station followed by the Kings and Princes on foot, while the Queen and the other Royal ladies drove, escorted by Royal Guards and Hussars, through the streets, where large crowds stood in the bright sunshine. Special trains took the coffin and chief mourners to Roskilde Cathedral, where Danish Kings and Queens have been buried for some centuries past.

At Roskilde, where the streets and railway station were decorated with flags and lined with soldiers, while the pavement was covered with fir twigs, the cathedral itself was not decorated except by lighted candles. As the final ceremony was quite private, only very few people, apart from some members of the Russian community, were present when the open coffin of the Empress, surrounded by wreaths, was placed near the coffins of her parents in King Christian IX's Chapel. The Danish Court Chaplain delivered a valedictory address and the ceremony concluded with a prayer offered by a Russian priest.

ON THIS DAY

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The Dowager Empress of Russia, born a Danish princess, was the widow of the Emperor Alexander III of Russia and mother of Nicholas II. After the Russian revolution she came to England but spent her last days in the country of her birth.

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THE TIMES TODAY THURSDAY OCTOBER 20 1994

NEWS

Bomb kills 22 in Tel Aviv

■ A suspected Muslim suicide bomber blew up a bus in the centre of Tel Aviv, killing 22 people and wounding 48 in the most lethal terrorist attack in Israel for 16 years.

Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, claimed responsibility for the blast in statements over mosque loudspeakers in the Gaza Strip, and threatened further attacks. Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, laid the blame on Iran **Pages 1, 14**

Massive job cuts in Whitehall

■ Three more Whitehall departments are facing large-scale manpower cuts after it was announced that a third of the Treasury's top jobs are to be axed. Sir Terry Burns, the Permanent Secretary at the Treasury, told his assistant secretaries and under secretaries that one third of them would be abolished by 1995..... **Pages 1, 5**

Inquiry boycotted

The Commons investigation into the questions-for-cash affair was in turmoil as Labour MPs boycotted the inquiry in protest at plans to hold th hearings in private..... **Page 1**

Man shot by robbers

A retired man who was shopping with his wife was shot dead at point blank range when he chased three men fleeing a bank robbery..... **Page 1**

Peace talks progress

John Major will tell MPs that the countdown to talks with Sinn Fein is under way..... **Page 1**

Lords attendance

The legendary Tory backwoodsmen of the House of Lords are to be asked to break the habit of a lifetime and attend Westminster regularly. They will be warned it may be the only way of saving their own skins..... **Page 2**

Lucan still sought

Detectives have no intention of calling off the murder hunt for Lord Lucan, despite an attempt by his family to have him declared legally dead after 20 years, Scotland Yard said..... **Page 6**

The Pope's hopes

The Pope marks the 16th anniversary of his election with an unprecedented book in which he speaks of his beliefs and the questions facing the world on the eve of the millennium..... **Page 7**

Anti-drugs strategy

The Government unveiled a "realist" strategy against drugs emphasising the need to educate young people of the facts and risks, abandoning earlier shock tactics..... **Page 8**

Westminster hearing

Dame Shirley Porter, the former leader of Westminster Council, was accused of endangering democracy when the public hearings into the council's alleged homes for votes policy opened..... **Page 9**

Bill reversal

Michael Howard succeeded last night in overturning one of the most humiliating defeats in the Lords for his battle-scarred Criminal Justice Bill..... **Page 10**

Post Office sell-off

Michael Heseltine is close to winning his Cabinet battle to privatise the Post Office..... **Page 12**

Clinton's campaign

Just days before the congressional elections in which the Republicans could seize control of Congress, President Clinton will spend next week campaigning not in Rhode Island, Michigan and Iowa, but in Israel, Jordan and Kuwait..... **Page 15**

Baghdad bomb

A powerful bomb damaged Iraq's ministry of religious affairs in Baghdad, a local television station reported..... **Page 16**

Man loses 18 stone in a year

■ A man has avoided death, found a job, acquired a girlfriend and made a bid for a place in the *Guinness Book of Records* by losing 18 stone in one year. John Gilbert, 41, attributes his success to willpower and Weetabix. After years of weighing 32 stone, he went on a strict diet when doctors told him to lose weight or die..... **Page 2**

YURI KADOBNOV



The Queen was greeted at the Yekaterininsky Palace near St Petersburg by musicians in old Russian Army uniform. Report, page 3

BUSINESS

Gas: British Gas is proposing an increase in its standing charge which could increase overall gas bills by 7 per cent..... **Page 25**

Manufacturing: Industry does not appear to have been put off its stride by last month's rise in interest rates but the key service sector is giving increasing cause for economic concern, the British Chambers of Commerce says..... **Page 25**

Railways: Almost 2,000 jobs are to go because of privatisation and a slump in maintenance work, British Rail said..... **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index fell 24.5 points to 3060.8. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 80.0 to 80.2 after a rise from $1.6149 to $1.6188 and a rise from DM2.4240 to DM2.4298..... **Page 28**

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Cricket: Michael Atherton, the England captain, faced some awkward questioning at a press conference on the team's arrival in Australia but carried it off well..... **Page 42**

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Rugby union: The South Africans arrived in Wales for a 13-match tour with their manager Jannie Engelbrecht saying they would stamp out dirty play..... **Page 46**

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Prize pulp: Showered with honours, Quentin Tarantino's *Pulp Fiction* opens in London tomorrow. A violent and energetic homage to 1930s and 1940s crime fiction, it is also notable for the rehabilitation of John Travolta as a fine character actor..... **Page 37**

Slavery on show: A gallery devoted to the subject of slavery opens next week at the Merseyside Maritime Museum..... **Page 39**

Childs's play: Making a long-delayed London debut, the New York minimalist choreographer Lucinda Childs brought a work designed for a warehouse..... **Page 38**

French flourish: *Les* Negresses Vertes are not black, not green and (mostly) not female, but this French group provided one of the more entertaining nights in the rock calendar..... **Page 37**

Cosmetic surgery comes under scrutiny *Inside Story: The Body Shop* (BBC1, 10pm)..... **Page 47**

A smaller Treasury

The spending departments may smirk as they watch Treasury officials having to swallow the bitter medicine that they have doled out to others, but the mirth will not last for long..... **Page 21**

In Tel Aviv

Mr Arafat has grasped an important lesson: concessions can be wrung from Israel only on condition that the PLO pays due regard to the security concerns of the Jewish state. In turn, Mr Rabin should reward Mr Arafat with more generous trust..... **Page 21**

Green wars

Growing up is hard for any grass-roots movement but it is even harder for Greenpeace because it was founded on an ideology of "direct action"..... **Page 21**

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The Kohl model for Europe would be a high-cost, highly bureaucratised, cross-subsidised, regulated economy, mirroring the Germany that already exists... **page 20**

TIMOTHY GARTON ASH

Helmut Kohl dreams of making "irreversible" the process he calls "European unification", which as he sees it is the indispensable complement to German unification. And he's damned if anyone will stop him..... **Page 20**

PETER RIDDELL

Is Parliament serious about restoring its reputation? The evidence so far is scanty. The farce over whether the Privileges Committee should take evidence in public shows that the old attitudes have not changed much..... **Page 12**

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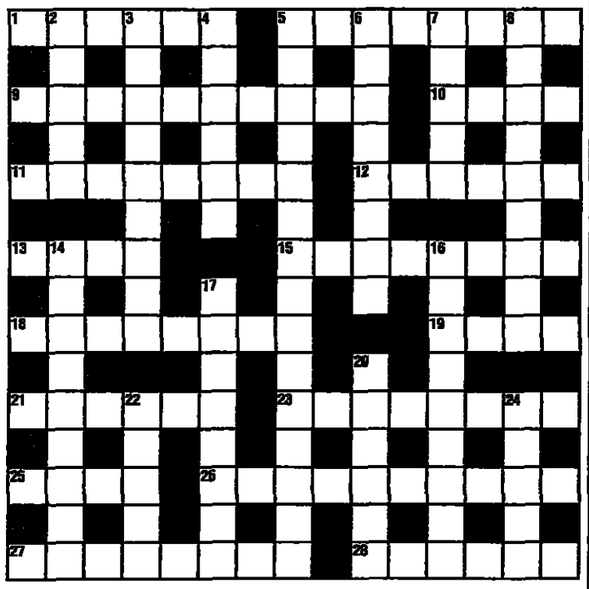
■ **POP ART**
What am I bid for a Beatles bathmat? Welcome to the Pop Culture Memorabilia Fair

■ **KOREA MOVE**
Valerie Grove meets Sir John Hall, the man who brought the Koreans to Teesside

Diplomacy with North Korea has scored a resounding triumph. Monday's draft agreement should put to rest fears that an unpredictable nation might provoke nuclear disaster —*The New York Times*

Washington has a more compelling motivation for insisting that Iraq abide by the UN resolutions. Neither this country nor its allies wants to fight a second Persian Gulf war in response to Saddam Hussein's hegemonic ambitions —*Los Angeles Times*

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Anglesey, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 5C (46F); highest rainfall: Aberdeen, 0.06in; highest sunshine: Folkestone, Kent, 9.8hr.

FORECAST

☐ A bright start in northeast Scotland and in Orkney and Shetland. Otherwise cloudy, wet weather spreading from west. Becoming brighter with showers later in west. Windy.

In Northern Ireland, cloud and rain clearing then bright with sunny intervals and showers.

Eastern areas of England and Wales starting bright. Cloud and rain in western England and Wales spreading east to all areas. Western areas brighter with showers later. Strong gusty winds.

☐ **London, SE, E England, E Anglia:** Clear or bright at first. Cloud and rain spreading from west by afternoon. Gusty fresh or strong SE winds. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Cent S, Cent N England, E Midlands:** Cloud and rain soon spreading from west. Wet for a time; becoming clearer in evening. Gusty fresh SE winds. Max 15C (59F).

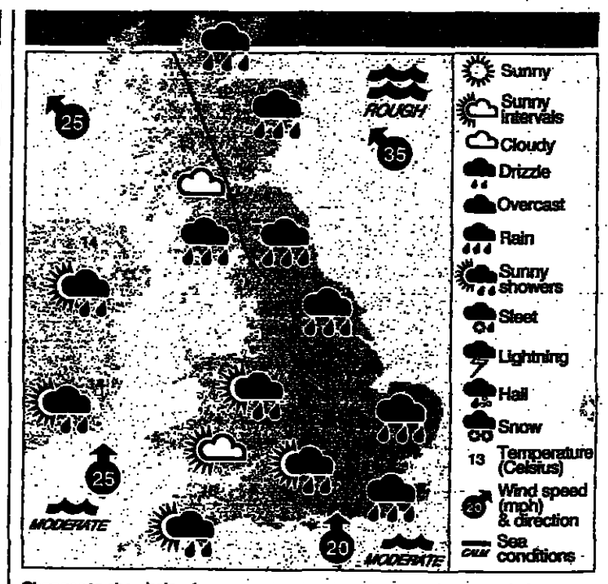
☐ **W Midlands, Channel Is, SW, NW England, Wales, Lakes, IoM:** Overcast and wet, rain heavy at times. Brighter or clearer weather with showers spreading from west in afternoon. Fresh SE winds, veering SW. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland:** Clear or bright at first. Cloud and rain spreading from west by afternoon. Gusty fresh or strong SE winds. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland:** Overcast and wet, rain heavy at times. Brighter or clearer weather with showers spreading from west in afternoon. Fresh SE winds, veering SW. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** Cloudy, mainly light showers; bright intervals. Very windy, with SE gales. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Outlook:** Cloud and rain clearing to the east, but slow to clear from southeast England. Most places becoming bright with showers. Showers will die out before further cloud and rain move in from the Atlantic on Friday.



Changes to chart below from noon: low Y will be almost stationary and will deepen before drifting north and filling; low F will move east with little change in pressure



AIRTEMP

24 hrs to 6 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; r=rain; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.4	0.06	10	50	c	London	9.3	-	14	57	s
Anglesey	9.6	-	15	59	s	Lowestoft	8.9	-	11	52	s
Aspatria	7.4	-	11	52	s	Manchester	8.4	-	12	54	s
Aviemore	4.8	-	10	50	b	Margate	9.7	-	11	52	s
Belfast	-	-	10	50	c	Minehead	1.9	-	13	55	c
Birmingham	8.6	-	12	54	s	Morecambe	7.5	-	11	52	s
Bognor R	5.9	-	11	52	s	Newcastle	6.2	-	11	52	s
Bournem'th	5.3	-	13	55	s	Newquay	6.9	-	13	55	s
Bristol	X					Norwich	8.9	-	12	54	s
Buxton	5.6	-	9	48	s	Oxford	9.0	-	13	55	s
Cardiff	2.0	-	12	54	b	Penzance	0.3	-	13	55	du
Clacton	8.6	-	11	52	s	Plymouth	3.2	-	13	55	b
Cleethorpes	X					Poole	5.0	-	13	55	s
Colwyn Bay	9.5	-	12	54	s	Prestatyn	X		12	54	s
Cromer	8.8	-	11	52	s	Ross-o-wye	7.3	-	13	55	s
Doncaster	8.6	-	12	54	s	Ryde	X				
Dunbar	X					Scarborough	2.6	-	13	55	c
Eastbourne	8.3	-	12	54	s	Sandown	4.0	-	13	55	s
Edinburgh	4.2	-	13	54	b	Saunton Snd	6.9	-	14	57	s
Eskdalemuir	6.7	-	9	48	s	Scarboro'	5.1	-	9	48	b
Exmouth	0.3	-	12	54	c	Scilly Isles	-	-	13	55	c
Falmouth	X	-	13	55	c	Shanklin	3.8	-	11	52	s
Fishguard	8.3	-	12	54	s	Shrewsbury	8.5	-	12	54	s
Folkestone	9.8	-	11	52	s	Skegness	9.3	-	12	54	s
Glasgow	4.1	-	11	52	b	Southend	8.5	-	11	52	s
Guernsey	-	-	13	55	c	Southport	7.7	-	11	52	s
Hastings	8.5	-	12	54	s	Southsea	4.5	-	12	54	s
Hove	6.9	-	11	52	s	Stornoway	0.2	-	11	52	c
Hunstanton	9.5	-	12	54	s	Swanage	2.0	-	13	55	c
Ilfracombe	X					Teignmouth	0.5	-	13	55	c
Isle of Man	3.7	-	11	52	b	Tenby	X				
Jersey	-	-	12	54	c	Tiree	-	-	10	50	c
Kinloss	2.9	-	12	54	c	Torquay	0.7	-	12	54	c
Leeds	7.0	-	11	52	s	Tynemouth	6.3	-	10	50	b
Lerwick	-	0.01	8	46	r	Ventnor	4.0	-	12	54	s
Leuchars	6.2	-	11	52	s	West-s-mare	X				
Littlehmpton	7.6	-	11	52	s	Weymouth	3.3	-	13	55	s
Liverpool	7.9	-	12	54	s						

These are Tuesday's figures

MEDITERRANEAN

Ajaccio	23	73	f	Corfu	22	72	f	Majorca	21	70	f
Alicante	25	77	s	Dublin	13	55	c	Malaga	18	64	r
Alex'dria	28	82	s	Dubrovnik	22	72	s	Malta	24	75	b
Algiers	28	73	s	Faro	19	66	s	Medit'rne	15	59	c
Amst'dm	9	48	s	Florence	18	64	s	Mexico C	21	70	f
Athens	21	70	f	Frankfurt	8	46	s	Miami	28	82	f
Bahrain	31	88	f	Funchal	27	81	s	Milan	15	59	f
Bangkok	32	90	s	Geneva	11	52	f	Montreal	11	52	c
Barbados	30	86	f	Gibraltar	19	66	f	Moscow	2	36	f
Barcelona	22	72	f	Helsinki	3	37	s	Munich	9	48	s
Beirut	28	79	s	Hong K	29	84	f	Nairobi	24	75	f
Belgrade	12	54	s	Innsbruck	19	66	s	Naples	22	72	f
Berlin	8	46	s	Istanbul	15	59	f	N Delhi	29	84	s
Bermuda	-	-		Jeddah	34	93	s	N York	19	66	s
Biarritz	19	66	s	Jo'burg	25	77	s	Nice	19	66	f
Borde'x	19	66	f	Karachi	37	99	s	Oslo	6	43	f
Brussels	14	57	c	L Palmas	24	75	s	Paris	18	64	c
Budapst	8	46	s	La Tquet	17	63	s	Peking	18	64	s
B Aires	21	70	s	Lisbon	19	66	f	Perth	24	75	s
Cairo	30	86	s	Locarno	15	59	f	Prague	6	43	s
Cape Tn	21	70	s	L Angels	22	72	s	Reykjavik	7	45	c
Chicago	19	66	c	Luxembg	10	50	f	Rhodes	25	77	s
Cologne	11	52	c	Luxor	33	91	s	Rio de J	28	82	f
C'hagn	8	46	f	Madrid	16	61	c	Riyadh	33	91	s

Rome	21	70	f	Tangier	19	66	r	Venice	14	57	s
Salzburg	12	54	s	Tel Aviv	27	81	f	Vienna	9	48	c
S F'isco	15	59	s	Tenerife	28	79	s	Warsaw	7	45	s
Santiago	19	66	s	Tokyo	23	73	c	Wash'ton	22	72	s
S Paulo	30	86	s	Toronto	15	59	r	Wel'ngton	12	54	c
Seoul	20	68	f	Tunis	24	75	f	Zurich	11	62	f
Sing'por	33	91	f								
St'kholm	4	39	s								
Strasb'rg	9	48	f								
Sydney	15	59	r								

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	-	-	-	-	Liverpool	11.25	9.0	11.39	9.1
Aberdeen	1.18	4.2	1.40	4.2	Lowestoft	9.27	2.5	9.51	2.5
Avonmouth	7.22	13.1	7.40	13.1	Margate	12.16	4.8	12.24	4.7
Belfast	11.14	3.4	11.22	3.4	Milford Haven	6.23	6.9	6.40	6.9
Cardiff	7.11	11.97	7.30	12.02	Newquay	5.15	6.8	5.31	6.9
Devonport	5.51	5.4	6.06	5.4	Oban	5.44	4.0	6.03	4.1
Dover	11.26	6.7	11.44	6.6	Penzance	4.47	5.5	5.01	5.5
Falmouth	5.21	5.2	5.36	5.2	Portland	6.50	2.2	7.05	2.1
Glasgow	1.09	4.7	1.20	4.7	Portsmouth	11.34	4.6	11.47	4.9
Harwich	-	-	12.06	4.0	Shoreham	11.40	6.2	11.55	6.1
Holyhead	10.31	5.4	10.43	5.5	Southampton	10.56	4.5	11.11	4.4
Hull	8.25	7.49	8.49	7.25	Swansea	6.05	9.12	6.25	9.15
Ilfracombe	6.05	9.12	6.25	9.15	Tees	6.29	6.8	6.53	6.8
King's Lynn	6.29	6.8	6.53	6.8	Weston-s-Mare	3.39	5.3	4.02	5.2
Leith	2.38	5.4	2.56	5.4	W'ton-on-Naze	-	-	12.02	4.1

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Full moon today

Sun rises: 7.33 am
Sun sets: 5.58 pm
Moon sets 8.31 am
Moon rises 6.16 pm

London 5.58 pm to 7.34 am
Bristol 6.07 pm to 7.44 am
Edinburgh 5.01 pm to 7.58 am
Manchester 6.02 pm to 7.47 am
Penzance 6.21 pm to 7.53 am

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THE TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — THURSDAY OCTOBER 20 1994

British Gas proposal could increase bills by 7 per cent



Powe: revealed charge

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITISH Gas is proposing an increase in its standing charge to customers which could push up overall gas bills by as much as 7 per cent. The proposal, to be signalled formally next week, will embarrass ministers keen to maintain low inflation, and will provoke sharp criticism from the Opposition and consumer groups, who will claim that the worst off will be hit hardest by the planned price rises.

British Gas wants its annual standing charges on gas bills, which have been frozen for ten years, to be increased to £42 as part of the transition to greater competition that the Government wants to see.

Ministers expect to include a Bill to open up the gas market in next month's Queen's Speech setting out the Government's legislative programme, though it is understood a final decision on the programme will be made next Tuesday.

All domestic gas users will have to pay British Gas's new standing charges, but the rise will hit small users — usually people on very low incomes — hardest, since proportionately more of their gas bills are comprised of standing charges.

British Gas's new standing charge figure, which will mean an increase in overall gas prices, is contained in the company's unpublished evidence to the Commons' all-party Trade and Industry Select Committee's inquiry into the domestic gas market.

Although British Gas will not formally disclose the new figure until Richard Giordano, its chairman, and Cedric Brown, its chief executive, give evidence in person to the committee next week, the figure is in the company's written evidence, which has already been privately submitted to the committee.

Ian Powe, director of the Gas Consumers' Council, the statutory consumer gas watchdog, told the committee yesterday that he had seen British Gas's written evidence and he revealed the new standing charge figure to the committee.

Although British Gas said yesterday it could not comment on its evidence to the committee before next week's hearings and publicly insisted that new prices had not yet been finally set, MPs who have seen copies of the company's evidence supported the figure disclosed by the Gas Consumers' Council.

British Gas's proposed standing charge, which its evidence says will be "typically" £42 and is fully "cost-reflective", is an increase of just over £5 on the present standing charge of £36.86. While this is an increase of about 14 per cent, actual gas price rises will be less than this because of the way bills are constructed.

Standing charges will vary, and rebates will be available for those who pay promptly or by direct debit — though this, too, is likely to hit low-income users, fewer of whom use such arrangements.

For larger customers whose annual gas use is more than 2,500 therms, the new standing charge would mean a price rise of about 0.9 per cent. For low-use customers using 100 therms a year, which includes many on the lowest incomes, rises would be up to 6.7 per cent.

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Survey raises fears for service sector

BY PHILIP BASSETT AND JANET BUSH

MANUFACTURING industry does not appear to have been put off its stride by last month's rise in interest rates but the key service sector is giving "ever-increasing" cause for concern, according to a survey published today by the British Chambers of Commerce.

Robin Geldard, BCC president, urged Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to use next month's Budget to ensure "moderate and steady growth". He said the outlook for manufacturing remained good and he hoped that the service sector could once more achieve growth on the back of manufacturers' performance.

The survey is published a day after the Central Statistical Office reported a 0.5 per cent rise in retail sales last month despite the half-point increase in base rates on September 12. Sales dropped in August by 0.1 per cent. This had originally been reported as a decline of 0.3 per cent.

The volume of sales rose by 0.9 per cent over the past three months compared with the previous three, a higher growth rate than the 0.7 per cent achieved in August. However, sales were most robust where price discounting was heaviest. Ian Shepherdson, economist with Midland Global Markets, said that consumer insistence on value for money is not diminishing, which bodes well for inflation and interest rates.

Richard Brown, deputy director-general of the British Chambers of Commerce, said the rise in high street business in September, boosted by early autumn sales promotions, was encouraging.

However, Mr Brown said retailers were achieving increases in volumes through aggressive discounting and that, therefore, retail sales growth was being bought at the expense of profitability. "This hits small retailers who cannot sustain tight margins over a long period of time." He added that the Chambers were right to criticise September's rate rise at the time and continued to believe that the Government and the Bank of England may have moved prematurely.

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According to today's survey, 51 per cent of manufacturers now say that lower interest rates would assist them — four percentage points down on the quarter, and ten on the year. But interest rates are still the leading concern among service companies — although, even here, it has seen a ten-point fall in its importance over the past year. This may well be a factor in the difference in business confidence between the two sectors.

In manufacturing, confidence is stable, but in services confidence fell by three points to a balance — those reporting an increase set against those registering a fall — of 53 per cent of firms maintaining that their overall confidence is rising.

Chambers' leaders yesterday emphasised that, because the base rate rise came half way through the period of survey, the results may not fully reflect the impact of the increase.

The Government will find some supportive evidence for its concerns about inflationary pressures that may be in the pipeline in the Chambers survey. Concern about the price of materials is a priority, listed by 80 per cent of the manufacturing companies surveyed. This is 13 points up on a year ago. There is also increasing concern about inflation and the level of pay settlements, particularly in the manufacturing sector.

Yesterday's retail sales rise was more muted than this week's CBI survey had suggested and continued to show that consumers will spend, but only at the right price. The biggest rises came in areas where prices have been kept low. Clothing and footwear sales, for example, rose by 1.2 per cent and last week's retail prices figures showed that there had been no increases in prices in this sector between September 1993 and 1994.

Similarly, household goods sales rose by 0.9 per cent in September while last week's figures showed that prices in this area have risen by only 0.2 per cent over the last year.



Lord Tugendhat, chairman of Abbey National, criticised building societies' 'anomalies'

Societies 'are too secretive'

BY ROBERT MILLER

MILLIONS of building society members should be told what their stakes are worth in the event of a takeover or merger bid, Lord Tugendhat, the chairman of Abbey National, said last night.

Delivering the Gilbart Lecture at King's College, London, to an audience that included bank and building society chiefs, he said there were "two glaring anomalies" in mutual societies. On the one hand, their customers did not enjoy preferential service or rates of interest. On the other, their members, who owned them, received no return on their stakes and no annual statements of the values of their holdings.

Later, Lord Tugendhat said members had a right to know what their societies were worth, so that, in the event of bids or mergers, they could make rational judgments. This would avoid the confusion among different categories of members that had occurred in the case of the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society. The C&G is the target of a £1.8 billion bid by Lloyds Bank.

Lord Tugendhat suggested that building societies could pay their members dividends, like public companies. Or, they could pay higher interest rates to members in special accounts. He criticised moves to cut the amount of information sent to members.

The level of funding societies could raise in the wholesale money market had been increased, he pointed out. Rather than cutting back on information, they should be sending more.

"For example, they should be telling members that in the event of a society winding up, members rank second in line, for any potential payout, to the institutions which provided the wholesale funding."

Czech progress

The fast-track reforms of Vaclav Klaus, the Czech prime minister, have boosted the private sector's share of the Czech economy to 65 per cent, putting it on a West European level, according to a progress report from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Page 29

WH Smith costs

WH Smith said prospects in the run-up to Christmas were "still encouraging", but deflationary pressures were strong, forcing the company to maintain tight cost controls. Page 32

Prison for Naqvi over BCCI fraud

SWALEH Naqvi, former chief executive of the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International, has been jailed for more than eight years and told to pay $255.4 million by a Washington judge.

Naqvi received the maximum sentence possible under a plea agreement reached this summer with US prosecutors.

The 61-year-old British citizen, a mastermind of one of history's most elaborate frauds, admitted three counts of bank fraud that involved conspiracy, wire fraud and racketeering. Naqvi, who was said to have been involved in BCCI's infiltration of four US banks, told a US District Judge that he will continue to co-operate with prosecutors under the plea deal.

Regulators closed BCCI in 1991. It has 530,000 creditors worldwide. Liquidators estimate the black hole in its accounts at $12.4 billion.

Pre-sentence reports say that Naqvi is destitute, so his ability to pay the restitution is in doubt. He was sentenced to 11.25 years, but with credit for three years' pre-trial custody.

British Rail to shed 2,000 jobs

BY GEORGE SIVELL, ASSISTANT BUSINESS EDITOR

ALMOST 2,000 rail jobs are to go because of the intended privatisation and a slump in maintenance work, British Rail announced yesterday. The cuts come soon after the end of the 16-week signallers' strike and follow controversy over track maintenance.

British Rail Infrastructure Services (BRIS), which carries out track and signal maintenance, is to shed 1,514 white-collar jobs in the run-up to privatisation. A further 352 jobs will go at British Rail Maintenance because of a reduction in workload.

BRIS is to be split into 20 small companies before privatisation. BR said: "It is part of the reorganisation process. Infrastructure services will come under different groups so they can be privatised."

British Rail said it hoped the redundancies would be voluntary, including natural wastage. Some of the 30,000 BRIS workforce will transfer to other jobs.

The job losses will also be spread across the country. The sites affected are: London (241 job losses), Ashford (202), Derby (119), Birmingham (118), Peterborough (90), Doncaster (82), Newcastle upon Tyne (77), Watford/Rugby (67), Bristol (66), and Reading (45).

Brian Wilson, Labour's transport spokesman, condemned the job losses. He said: "This is another consequence of fragmenting the railways, with a view to privatising them, bit by bit."

The 352 maintenance job losses, almost a tenth of the workforce, were blamed by British Rail on a reduced workload for 1995-96, mainly because of the lower maintenance requirements of modern rolling stock.

The worst affected areas will be Glasgow (107 job losses), Wolverton, near Milton Keynes (85), Eastleigh in Hampshire (59), Doncaster (48), Kent (29) and Ilford (23).

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Cross-border costs under attack

BY PATRICIA TEHAN AND WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

THE European Commission is to take action to force banks to cut the costs of, and time taken for, small cross-border payments.

UK banks said, however, that if the EC tried to force them to provide guarantees that are impractical, they would not be able to offer cross-border payments services.

In a draft directive, published yesterday, the EC said it was giving banks two years to improve their systems before imposing a time limit of six working days for the completion of an international transfer of money. Legislation will also outlaw double charging.

Raniero Vanni d'Archirafi, the EC internal market commissioner, said it had been forced to act because the current situation was undermining the single market and having a particularly negative effect on the finances of small companies.

He said: "We have urged the banking sector to take voluntary action on transparency and particularly on double charging but ... things have just not improved enough."

One of the most controversial aspects of the directive is the stipulation that the sender bank will take responsibility for the transaction, and reimburse the customers if the receiving banks or an intermediary imposes a non-authorised charge.

The Commission hopes that this draconian measure will force the European banking industry to introduce cross-payment systems that would standardise the way transactions are carried out.

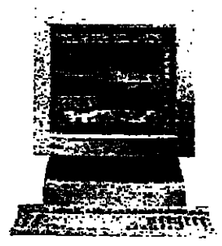
An estimated 400 million cross-border banking transactions in the EU are affected by this directive, about 1 per cent of the total.

Ron Clark, head of payment strategy for NatWest, said he welcomed the general principles of the directive, but that "every bank should be accountable for what it can reasonably control".

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IoD wants post safeguards to go after sell-off

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

COMPANY directors' leaders will urge the Government today to abandon its guarantees of universal postal service provision once it has privatised the Post Office.

The move by the Institute of Directors is thought to be the first time that the Government's specific guarantees of nationwide service, uniform price and a national Post Office network have been challenged. Opponents of privatisation will seize upon the IoD move as a sign of pressures against the guarantees.

Ministers look set next week to decide whether to include the privatisation of the Post Office in the Government's legislative timetable for the coming year. Cabinet ministers are divided on the issue, and some at Westminster believe that the Prime Minister's distinctly unradical speech to the Conservative party conference last week may spell the end for politically sensitive moves to privatise the Post Office.

Senior Post Office managers yesterday urged the Government to reach a speedy decision. Bill Cockburn, chief executive, said: "We hope to get a decision by the end of the month. We need an end to uncertainly. We need real freedom to create a world-beating business for Britain."

Mr Cockburn said that he believed that Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, was "very determined" to secure the Government's, and the Post Office's, preferred option of selling 51 per cent of the Post Office's Royal Mail and Parcelforce businesses, while keeping Post Office Counters in the public sector.

He said: "What we need is the right decision for our customers, the business and everyone who works in it."

The IoD calls for full privatisation, with 100 per cent share sales and Counters eventually included, rather than any halfway house solution that "raises questions of future political interference in the postal sector". It also says that the Government needs to decide whether it wishes to retain the "certainty" of universal service.

Ministers are keen to emphasise the guarantees in order to ease Tory backbenchers' nervousness about electoral effects of Post Office privatisation, but the IoD says that it is "questionable whether it is economically or socially the best approach", and that such social obligations could better be provided by targeted subsidies.

In its submission on the Government's Green Paper on the future of the Post Office, the IoD says that current guarantees inhibit the full development of competition in local or niche markets.

Tim Melville-Ross, IoD director-general, says: "Full commercial freedom is necessary if the Royal Mail is to survive and thrive into the next century."

Postal workers from throughout Britain yesterday lobbied Parliament against Mr Heseltine's plans to break up and privatise the Post Office. Robin Cook, Labour's industry spokesman, told a lunchtime Westminster rally that defeating the privatisation plan was now a real possibility.

America's world trade deficit falls to $9.74bn

By George Sivell, Assistant Business Editor

AMERICA'S trade deficit with the rest of the world shrank in August, despite a continuing rise in that with China and Japan.

Wall Street analysts, however, said it would make little difference to their forecasts for economic growth in the third quarter of 1994 because they thought most of the rise in exports was due to an increase in aircraft sales in August after a decline in July. Shares and the dollar made a muted response.

In August, America's trade deficit fell from a revised $11.19 billion in July to $9.74 billion, smaller than the $9.9 billion deficit predicted by analysts. The July figure had originally been stated as $10.99 billion.

Exports increased 6.1 per cent from July to $59.8 billion, while imports rose 3 per cent to a record $69.5 billion.

However, the deficit with Japan grew 2.4 per cent to $5.8 billion in August, the highest since a $6.1 billion monthly gap in October 1993, and enough to keep the politically-sensitive debate about American-Japanese trade relations rumbling.

America and Japan agreed earlier this month on a deal that partly opens Japanese markets to some American goods, but it was countered by US sanctions against Japan's car spare parts sector.

Commerce Department officials said that about half the increase in August imports was accounted for by imported cars. They account for about two-thirds of the total American deficit on trade with Japan and are a continuous source of friction.

American government and industry officials say they remain unhappy about the near exclusion of imports into Japan because it amounts to a sanctuary for Japanese car-makers in their home market while they compete fiercely for sales in America.

Japan accounted for well over half the total monthly deficit in August. In trade with China, America had a record deficit of $3.24 billion in August, a sharp 21.3 per cent increase from July's shortfall.

Improving European economies, meanwhile, provided a better market for American goods as the deficit with Western Europe contracted sharply in August, by 32 per cent, to $1.62 billion from $2.37 billion in July.

Usually, America runs a surplus on services like travel and tourism that partly offsets a big deficit on the trade in goods.

But in August the merchandise deficit narrowed to $14.3 billion from $15.9 billion in July. The surplus on services fell slightly to $4.6 billion from $4.8 billion in July.

During August, foreign sales of civilian aircraft rose briskly, by $661 million to $1.5 billion and exports of cars and parts jumped $920 million to $5.2 billion, mainly because of more shipments to Canada.



Workers at the Vickers tank factory in Leeds celebrating, on an earlier occasion, a government order for Challenger II

Malaysian invitation

MICHAEL Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, yesterday sought to reinvigorate Anglo-Malaysian relations with an invitation to Malaysia to make Britain its financial home in the EU.

On the first British official visit to Malaysia since Kuala Lumpur last month lifted a seven-month ban on British companies seeking government contracts, Mr Heseltine told Mahathir Mohamad, the prime minister, that the group of top company executives travelling with him were all keen to access the opportunities offered by the expanding Malaysian economy.

EC asked to keep out of VSEL bid

By Our Assistant Business Editor

THE British Government yesterday told the European Commission that it would not be appropriate for Brussels to consider the takeover by British Aerospace of the VSEL shipyard business.

The move followed a letter from the British Government to British Aerospace requesting BAe not to inform the European Commission about the deal in the way that a company normally would under European merger rules.

Department of Trade and Industry officials said: "The proposed acquisition of VSEL by BAe affects the UK's essential security interests and it would not be appropriate for the merger to be considered under the EC Merger Regulation by the EC Commission."

Brussels observers said that such requests, which only ever come from either Germany or Britain, are normally turned down. However, the Department of Trade said that it had "no reason to expect any problems".

The Department of Trade maintains that the deal is sensitive because it involves Britain's only nuclear submarine builder, which in turn is closely involved in maintaining Britain's nuclear deterrent. VSEL builds submarines at its yard in Barrow-in-Furness on the Northwest coast.

Under the EC merger regulations which came into force during September 1990, mergers involving world turnover of more than 5 billion Ecu (about £3.9 billion) and in which at least two of the parties also each have a European turnover exceeding 250 million Ecu fall to the European Commission for assessment as the exclusive competition authority.

Such mergers must be formally notified to the EC Commission not more than a week after the conclusion of the agreement. VSEL agreed to BAe's £478 million bid last Wednesday.

The Department of Trade said that it was acting under Article 223 of the EC Treaty which permits member states to take measures necessary to protect their essential security interests. It described the letter to British Aerospace as such a measure.

Vickers axes 235 jobs in revamping

VICKERS Defence Systems, the tank manufacturer, yesterday announced 235 job losses at its two factories under a restructuring plan.

The company, which makes the Army's Challenger II tank, said that "every effort" would be made to achieve the cutback at its Leeds and Newcastle-upon-Tyne plants through voluntary means. Early retirement will be offered to managers, supervisors and support staff — but there will be no redundancies among skilled workers.

John Crowther, chief executive, said: "The present order book secures the business at Leeds and Newcastle for five years, but we need to restructure now and invest in manufacturing resources and product development so that we can respond effectively to future market opportunities."

☐ An American cable manufacturer will create 200 new jobs in Dundee, Tayside, over the next five years. Madison Cable Corporation will invest $12 million in a new European sales and manufacturing headquarters. The company, which is based in Worcester, Massachusetts, designs and manufactures electronic data transmission cable.

Harrington Kilbride slumps into red

HARRINGTON Kilbride, the publishing company, has axed its interim dividend payment after slumping £1.38 million into the red in the first half of the year. The loss compares with pre-tax profits of £621,000 in the same period last year and an interim payment of 1.7p. The shares lost 19 per cent of their value, closing down 10p at 42p. In August, the company revoked its proposal to pay a 3.2p final dividend for the period to December 31, cutting the payment to 1p after having its accounts re-audited. The re-audit was prompted by late extra provisions against bad debts.

Since the end of last year, the group has discontinued many of its controlled-circulation titles, expanded its contract publishing business and opened a conference business. It hopes to make up its first-half loss in the second half of the year, and will consider the level of the final dividend having regard to the results for the year as a whole. A shift in focus away from controlled-circulation titles contributed to the fall in turnover from £8.76 million to £7.88 million.

House prices 'to rise 6%'

HOUSE prices are set to rise by 6 per cent over the next 15 months, according to a report published today by UBS, the broker. Housing turnover should rise from under 1.2 million in 1992 and 1993 to 1.4 million in 1995 and peak at 1.8 million in 1997 and 1998, and property transactions by 40 per cent over the next three years. Rob Thomas, UBS housing analyst, says: "Although the above gains appear large, they represent the weakest housing recovery since the Second World War."

L&G to be trust-provider

LEGAL & General, one of the UK's largest insurance companies, is to join the investment trust bandwagon with the launch of a Recovery trust. L&G hopes to raise £25 million for its first investment trust, which will invest in UK quoted companies "with share price recovery potential". The offer period is expected to open in the middle of November, and dealings in the shares should start in the first week of December.

Waterglade rescue fails

THE new board at Waterglade International has given up the struggle to keep the property developer afloat. It will not oppose a winding up petition to be presented by Customs & Excise on November 9. The stumbling block was the refusal of Lloyds Bank to write off part of its loans. Mr Anthony Midgen, elected to the board last month, said: "The situation at the company came as a shock to them." Waterglade shares were suspended at 2p on October 11.

Arthur Andersen up

ARTHUR Andersen, the world's largest accountancy and management services group, lifted worldwide revenues 12 per cent to a record $6.7 billion ($6 billion) in the year to August 31. The group's business unit, which includes the UK accountancy firm, increased revenues to $3.5 billion ($3.2 billion). Andersen Consulting lifted revenue 14 per cent to $3.2 billion ($2.8 billion). Strongest growth was in the Asia-Pacific region, where revenues rose 50 per cent to $795 million.

NordEx seeks listing

NORDEX Exploration, the first pure Nordic mining exploration company to seek a quote on the London market, aims to raise £650,000 to be deployed in developing gold and diamond properties in Finland. The company, capitalising on the interest being expressed in Finland's diamond potential, is placing 2.6 million shares in units of five share plus a warrant at 125p a unit. Brokers to the issue are Ellis & Partners. NordEx's financial advisers are English Trust.

Walker jury still out

THE jury in the trial of George Walker, former chairman and chief executive of Brent Walker, retired to a hotel for a third night after again failing to reach verdicts. Mr Walker, 65, and Wilfred Aquilina, 43, former group finance director, deny two joint charges of false accounting, one of theft and one of conspiracy to falsify accounts. Mr Walker denies three additional theft charges. Mr Aquilina denies an additional charge of false accounting.

Forte regroups hotels

FORTE is trying to take its Heritage brand up market. Heritage hotels will undergo accelerated refurbishment and several other Forte hotels will be included in the brand. A company called County Hotels will take on about 60 Forte Heritage houses that do not fit the brand, and 20 others, and will not operate under the Forte name. Forte says there are opportunities for separate financing, raising the possibility that some or all of these hotels might eventually be sold.

More changes at Barclays

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

MARTIN Taylor, chief executive of Barclays Bank since January, has taken a step towards his aim of separating the bank's UK branch business from group functions.

Mr Taylor has been critical of what he called "the damaging confusion" between Barclays' UK domestic bank and the group head office. He had said the head office did not feel "like the centre of a financial services group and it ought to".

Barclays yesterday announced changes in its head office structure which create a greater distinction between the group and the UK bank business.

The group's legal, security and fraud prevention department is being transferred to UK banking services, as is the head office personnel department.

The moves are the second time Mr Taylor has acted to shake up the Barclays structure. In April, he set up five new management groups that report directly to him, replacing Barclays' two main divisions of banking and BZW, the investment banking arm.



Taylor: critical of 'confusion'

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Denmark Kr	10.10	9.30
Finland Mkk	8.10	7.40
France Fr	9.81	9.11
Germany Dm	2.56	2.37
Greece Dr	387.00	362.00
Hong Kong $	13.11	12.11
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2565.00	2410.00
Japan Yen	172.50	156.00
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CBI urges control of 'upward creep' in pay

LEADERS of the Confederation of British Industry yesterday warned employers to rein back the "upward creep" in pay settlements if Britain was to maintain its international economic competitiveness (Philip Bassett writes).

In its latest pay and performance presentation being made to business leaders around the country, the CBI urges tight control of pay and employment costs — and for such stringency to be applied also in the boardroom.

Howard Davies, CBI director-general, gave warning that rising pay settlements and unit labour costs, compared with Germany and America posed a threat to lasting recovery, although he said: "The economy is in better shape than for a long time", with profits, investment and output all rising, and inflation well within the Government's target range. Meanwhile David Hunt, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, told the CBI Governing Council that "the Government is creating conditions for business to thrive, with low inflation, falling unemployment, rising consumer demand and the fastest growth in Europe".

☐ Building society dividends would silence critics ☐ Manufacturers beat the hamburger flippers ☐ Thorn preaches the gospel

Exposing the secret societies

☐ ABBEY National has a grudge against the building societies. Less than two months since Peter Birch, the chief executive, moaned about their lack of accountability, the chairman could not resist taking a swipe at them in his Gilbart Lecture last night.

Abbey's sourness is hardly surprising. Having suffered all the upheavals of joining the stock market and taking on the responsibility of communicating with 2.5 million shareholders, the group feels its former colleagues are getting away with blue murder.

Societies offer their members little more information than a scanty annual report, and attendance at most annual meetings is notoriously low. Now the regulations that bind the societies' dealings in the wholesale market are being loosened and the societies even have the cheek to ask to send even less information to members, in the form of shortened reports.

Lord Tugendhat's ideas to make societies more accountable should be treated with caution since he is not averse to airing half-baked theories in public, most notably his call for tax relief on negative equity two years ago. But he certainly has a point. Lloyds Bank's offer for Cheltenham & Gloucester has shown how woefully confused building society customers can be about their status — whether they are saving members or non-voting depositors, the importance of having two years' standing, and their rights as a mortgage holder.

A key figure in the accounts of any building society is the capital reserves, effectively its net worth. But this is meaningless unless it is compared with the number of members a society has. One figure all societies should therefore display prominently in any summary of their performance is capital per member. This, like net assets per share in a public company, would give members an idea of the true value of their vote.

But the greatest bar to building society accountability is the general apathy of the great majority of their members, whose attention only perks up when there is a chance of a takeover. The only sure way of attracting their interest would be a time-honoured financial incentive. This is one reason why building society dividends have become a hot issue. Abbey National and the banks offer competitive savings and mortgage rates and manage to pay their shareholders a dividend. Societies by contrast simply tuck any surplus profit away in their reserves.

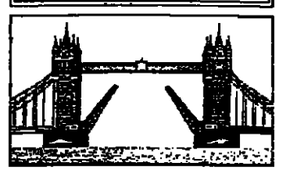
Current legislation does not prevent societies paying a dividend and the Building Societies Commission is in favour. Several societies are already said to be looking at the idea. A dividend would not only be a powerful marketing tool for any savings account, but it would certainly concentrate savers' minds on the value of their membership of a society. If nothing else, it would silence the catcalls from Baker Street.

Poor service from economic levers

☐ HOW novel to hear from the British Chambers of Commerce that manufacturing industry's prospects are bright, but the services sector is of ever increasing concern.

It is certainly a change from the 1980s when the Government's critics bemoaned the slow death of British manufacturing

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and the rise of the hamburger flippers.

Actually, things have not changed much. Services still account for more than 60 per cent of the total economy. What is key to the reported sharp differences in confidence between services and manufacturing is the setting of the main macroeconomic levers.

British manufacturers are performing well because of sterling's large devaluation after leaving the Exchange Rate Mechanism. Services are suffering because of the unprecedented fiscal tightening initiated by Norman Lamont and continued by Kenneth Clarke. Consumer demand is under pressure, and so services are faring badly.

There are many in the City and the Government who have consistently overestimated the inflationary pressures inherent in this economic recovery. Most recently, they were again confounded as last week's retail prices figures showed another drop to a 30-year low in underlying inflation, against their forecasts.

Yesterday, they were at it again, seizing on September's 0.5 per cent rise in retail sales as proof that the consumer remains undeterred by last month's base rate rise, nor will be by all the tax increases to come.

But the facts are against them. Retail sales account for only 40 per cent of consumer spending, and that portion of sales measured by this series of statistics has been far outperforming total spending throughout the recovery. Consumer spending grew by only 0.4 per cent in the first quarter of this year, and by the same amount in the second.

This, and hard evidence that non-retail sales spending such as on cars has decelerated strongly, suggests that it will be very difficult to hit the Government's forecast of 2.25 per cent growth in total consumer spending this year. No wonder that the service sector is in the doldrums.

Mammon meets ministry

☐ FRESH from wielding his axe at the Treasury, Sir Colin Southgate, chairman of Thorn EMI, was off to spread the gospel to music lovers. Thorn has an obvious opportunity for cross-selling with its latest acquisition. Think how many more copies of its *Canto Gregoriano*, its medieval plainsong chart-topper, the record label can shift through its burgeoning American Christian music operation.

Christian music is a hermetically-sealed sector of the US music market and is now probably worth as much as $200 million a year at the wholesale level, and growing. Forget gospel choirs, or lachrymose country songs with titles like "Drop-Kick Me, Jesus, Through The Goal-Posts of Life." This is mums, dads and teenagers stuff, covering all musical genres, sharing the same message and often sold quite independently of the normal music retail system.

Stripped of its oleaginous slogans — "Where Artistry Meets Ministry," — the deal is a further indication of Thorn's keenness to build a global music business that spans all the niche sectors into which music, and popular music in particular, has fragmented. The maintenance of separate brands allows the individual labels to operate without having to acknowledge fealty to a multi-national owner, a common strategy in the music business that can be useful when dealing with recalcitrant artists. Overseeing it all, of course, is Mammon. Thorn's Mr Music is Jim Fifield, the man whose £13.5 million pay packet he and his employer were so keen not to highlight earlier this year.

Trade triumphs

☐ A FEW short months after being at daggers drawn, the British and Malaysian Governments are on kissing terms again. Michael Heseltine's visit to Malaysia may not have so far produced any hard deal,s such as his spectacular success in South Korea, but it is certainly long on smiles and handshakes. The grinding wheels of trade triumph over political posturing once again.

Booker to buy salmon farms

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

BOOKER, the food conglomerate, is boosting its salmon farming business with an agreed deal to buy a US-quoted company spun out of Hanson that owns farms in Scotland and Chile.

Once the deal is completed, Booker will be the third owner of Marine Harvest's salmon operation in two years. The farms were bought from Unilever for $48 million in October 1992 and bolted on to some existing seafood businesses before flotation on the American Stock Exchange.

Booker is offering $122 million for the business. It already has agreement from holders of 34 per cent of the shares, comprising Hanson's remaining 27 per cent stake and the family interests of David Clarke, the chief executive of Hanson Industries, the US arm.

The deal is being funded in part with a £42 million placing of new Booker shares, or almost 5 per cent of the group's existing share capital; the cash-raising will go ahead even if the deal does not.

McConnell Salmon, Booker's existing salmon operation, has farms in Scotland, mainly in the Outer Hebrides but also in the West Highlands. Marine Harvest, as well as its

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Chilean operations, has farms that are mainly in the West Highlands. The merged business will be based in Scotland.

Marine Harvest, along with the rest of the salmon market, has been hit by dumping by Norwegian producers. Profits, before corporate charges, fell to $18.4 million, from $19.9 million, in the latest financial year. But Booker hopes to capitalise on the expanding world market for salmon: annual consumption is thought to be growing by 8 to 10 per cent a year.

Charles Bowen, Booker's chief executive, said the main priority was to improve profitability at the business being acquired. "We have to be prepared from time to time to see quite a lot of Norwegian salmon being produced, but we can ride that out," he said.

Booker has buttressed the share placing with a report that current trading is in line with expectations and cash generation remains strong.

Marine Harvest's other sea food operations, mainly shrimp farming in Ecuador, are being handed on to Hanson for sale. Booker could have to take a loss on that deal, but the potential deficit is capped at $8.5 million.

Leap into everyday diet

THE story of the salmon is that of the not-so-humble oyster in reverse (Martin Waller writes). While the latter, one of the staple sources of protein for the Victorian working class, has since been priced out of the reach of the everyday eater, *Salmo salar* has come down from the gastronomic stratosphere into the chilled cabinets of every high street grocer.

Ten years ago, salmon, probably bought at a specialist fishmonger that has since succumbed to competition from the big grocers, cost £2 a pound or more. Today, the price is nearer £1.40 a pound, even after a decade of inflation. But the boom-bust cycle in salmon prices, brought about by dumping by Norwegian producers, has sent many of the private Scottish farmers to the wall. It is only a big food conglomerate such as Booker that can ride out such damaging price swings.

Overproduction by Norway has glutted the salmon market

Large-scale Norwegian salmon farming started 20 years ago, when farms were created up and down that country's rocky coastline, with generous help from the Oslo government.

Overproduction wiped out many, and with much of the industry in the hands of the banks, the Norwegians had to cut back on stocks while seeking fresh markets in the Far East.

This year, 180,000 tonnes of fish, about a year's production from the entire Norwegian industry, was shipped to Britain at prices few home producers could match, driving the cost to the customer for a time down to £1.20 a pound — cheaper than cod — and sending sales up by a quarter as shoppers latched on to a bargain.

Norway is the main salmon farming nation, but the second most important, just ahead of Scotland, is Chile, producing 50,000 tonnes a year. Its jagged coastline resembles that of Norway and Scotland and the Humboldt Current that sweeps down South America's Pacific coastline provides the salmon farmers with warm, cleansing water.

An evening with Joseph Heller



IN 1961, Joseph Heller achieved fame and fortune with the publication of *Catch-22*, his Second World War black-comedy blockbuster. Now, 33 years later, he has written the sequel to one of the most successful novels of the century. Joseph Heller will be talking about his new book, *Closing Time*, to Melvyn Bragg at a *Times*/Dillons Forum.

The forum will take place at Westminster Central Hall, Storeys Gate, London SW1 on Wednesday, November 2, at 7.30pm. Joseph Heller will be signing copies of *Closing Time*, after the event.

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MICHAEL POWELL

Graham Kirkham, standing, with Jon Massey, chief operations officer, after unveiling record pre-tax profits

DFS's year of great expectations

BY SARAH BAGNALL

GRAHAM Kirkham, founder and chairman of DFS Furniture, the upholstered furniture retailer, is set to receive £3.9 million in dividend payments for the company's first full year of trading as a quoted company.

Mr Kirkham and his family hold about 52 per cent of the company, which yesterday reported a final dividend of 4.9p, making 7.2p for the year. This is a notional 12.5 per cent increase.

The final dividend will be paid to shareholders on Tuesday December 20.

Mr Kirkham and his family raised just under £130 million last November when they sold 48 per cent of the company at 260p a share. At yesterday's closing price, the family's remaining stake is worth about £120 million.

Mr Kirkham unveiled record pre-tax profits for the year to July 31 of £21.4 million, up from £7.4 million.

Stripping out exceptional items, pre-tax profits rose from £19.9 million to £22.7 million on the back of an 18 per cent rise in turnover to £134.9 million.

Mr Kirkham said: "We have achieved a performance during our first year as a plc that has exceeded all our budgets and expectations."

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Smiths Industries stays acquisitive

BY RODNEY HOBSON

MORE acquisitions are likely at Smiths Industries, the aerospace, medical and industrial group, even though it has exhausted its cash pile. Smiths spent £129 million on buying other companies in the year to July 31, making the total outlay £240 million in the past two years and leaving net borrowings of £20 million.

Roger Hurn, chairman and chief executive, said borrowings could be increased to fund acquisitions. He said: "Recent acquisitions have added to earnings per share in their first year. The financial strength of Smiths, and our willingness to invest, has been a considerable advantage on the aerospace side and we see the medical division as a high growth area. On the industrial side, there has never been a better outlook for UK manufacturing."

Smiths made pre-tax profits of £117 million, up from £104 million a year earlier. Earnings per share rose from 23.9p to 26.6p and a final dividend of 8.4p makes a total 13p, up from 11.85p. The shares gained 7p to 447p.

Medical profits rose 13 per cent to £46.6 million and industrial profits by 32 per cent to £27.8 million but aerospace, formerly the biggest earner, continued to lose ground with operating profits down 4 per cent to £38.9 million.

Mr Hurn said: "We have not been slowing our investment in aerospace but this is the first time for at least 50 years that the commercial and military aircraft industries have turned down at the same time."

He said the division had done well to keep margins above 10 per cent. Margins in the medical business had risen half a point to 23.3 per cent.

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Balm for wounded names

BY JON ASHWORTH

LLOYD'S names are trying to make up for their insurance losses by selling beauty products, dishwashing liquid and toothpaste. Amway, based in America and one of the world's biggest direct-selling companies, says dozens of names are signing up to boost their flagging fortunes.

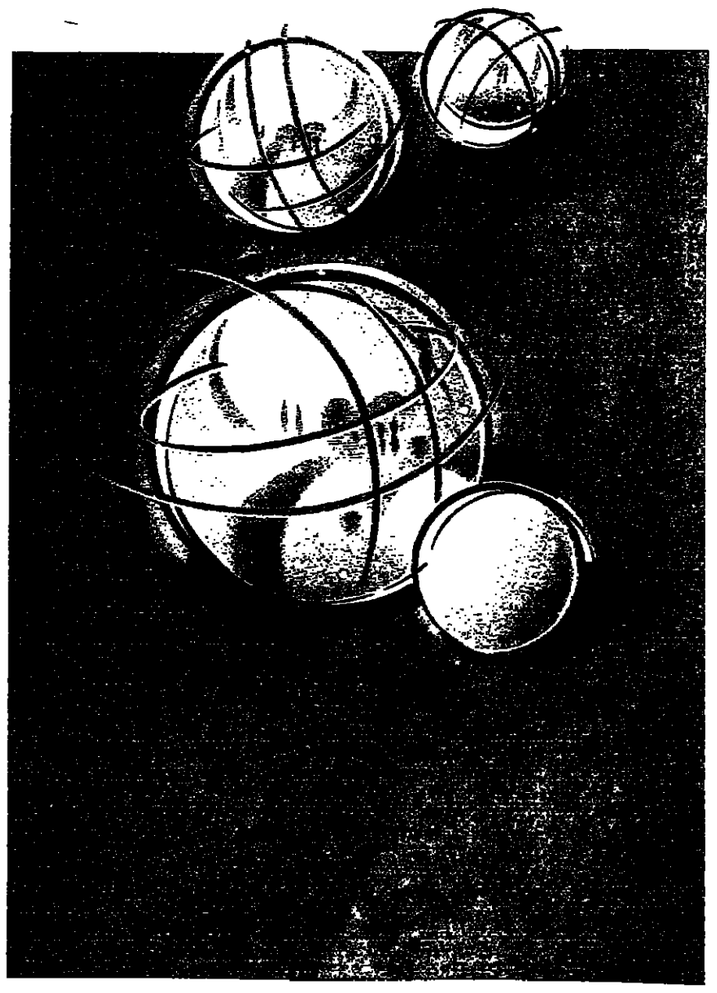
Dick DeVos, the company's president, jetted into London this week to announce booming local sales. Amway, distributors for which target friends and family, saw UK revenue rocket 35 per cent, to £45 million, in the past year. Worldwide sales have topped $5.3 billion. Distributors buy items from Amway for, say, £10 each and sell them on for £13, taking the difference as commission.

The products are likely to strike a chord with names. There is the DETER antiperspirant spray — just the thing for the men from Dibb Lupton Broomhead — and the Hymm shaving foam, ideal for those close shaves.

"The 'foot in the door, stuff on the floor' approach has gone," Mr DeVos says. "The idea is to contact family, friends, neighbours. Most people are respectful, and the last person they want to upset is family."

Psychological pressure, he insists, is not on the agenda. No hyped-up sales meetings. No garages full of products no one wants to buy. "We have a money-back guarantee. Extra products will be taken back."

British distributors, he says, are a "vertical slice of life". Often husband and wife teams, they range from lawyers and academics to civil servants. Even reporters. And names, of course.



Vive la différence!

STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Shares fall back again as inflation fears grow

SHARE prices and government bonds continued to give up ground, overshadowed by the dollar's persistent weakness and a strong set of retail sales, raising the spectre of growing inflation once again.

Traders may well have their work cut out this morning, with further losses expected to test the market's resistance levels of around 3,050. The FT-SE 100 index closed last night 24.5 down at 3,060.8. Dealers said an absence of buyers had depressed the market, rather than any weight of selling pressure.

By the close of business, 596 million shares had changed hands, but the real figure was effectively a lot lower with turnover swollen by trading in a number of penny share stocks. These included 40 million **Regal Hotels**, unchanged at 1½p, 16.5 million **Pentos**, steady at 16½p, and 10.6 million **Ascot Holdings**, ½p lighter at 2p. Among leaders, **Bowater** fell 12p to 452p amid talk of a profits downgrading by Warburg Securities, the broker. Meanwhile, the group is in talks with Nampak, the South African group, about the acquisition if its British plastics arm.

Barclays Bank resisted the downward pull with a rise of 3p to 567p as Hoare Govett, the broker, began recommending the shares. The price has underperformed the rest of the market by 4 per cent in recent weeks and is overdue a rally. Word is that BZW, its securities arm, has been a star performer.

The water companies were given a helpful nudge by Smith New Court, the broker, which decided to reiterate its bullish stance on the sector ahead of the forthcoming interim dividend season. The broker has been pointing out to clients that the sector remains good value for money with the average rise in the dividend expected to be around 8.5 per cent.

Top of Smith's shopping list are **North West Water**, up 8p at 562p, **Southern**, 8p better at 601p, **Welsh**, 14p to 658p, and **Yorkshire**, 4p to 533p. There were also gains for **Anglian**, 2½p to 122½p, **Northumbrian**, 13p to 688p, **Severn Trent**, 6p to 570p, **Thames**, 4p to 527p, and **Wessex**, 12p to 631p.

Smiths Industries, the aerospace group, touched 452p before ending the session 7p dearer at 447p after weighing in with full-year figures showing pre-tax profits 12 per cent ahead at £117.2 million and a rise in the dividend.

The group made encouraging noises about current trading prospects, saying it saw a definite improvement in several markets, particularly in the US.

British Aerospace, which is currently offering £478 million for VSEL, ended a further 6p lower at 478p after going ex-dividend with turnover slowing to just 1.5 million shares. Last night the Government confirmed it will be looking into the bid.

But talk of a bid from GEC persists. The speculators claim that GEC may be considering a bid for both companies after confirmation last week that it had expressed an interest in **VSEL**, down 15p at £13.00. **GEC** eased 3p to 284p as 13 million shares were traded.

Harrington Kilbride, the troubled publisher, fell 10p to 42p as shareholders had to absorb yet more gloomy news. The company has now cancelled the interim dividend after continuing reorganisation costs tipped it into the red with pre-tax losses of £1.38 million. Lower turnover and squeezed margins also reflected the decision to discontinue many of the group's controlled circulation titles, while expanding the contract publishing division and recently created conference arm.

Chief executive Kevin Harrington said he hoped to make-up the loss in the second half with the help of 15 contracts secured at the start of the year and worth £5.5 million.

Havelock Europa, the storefittings group, celebrated a return to the interim dividend list for the first time since 1991 with a jump of 18p to 188p. The news accompanied half-year figures showing pre-tax profits tripled at £1.6 million.

Automotive Security Holdings shed another 5p at 78p as brokers continued to ponder the resignation of chairman Tom Buffett on Tuesday. **Sidlaw** was another weak market, falling 11p to 197p as brokers continued to reflect on the group's rights issue, the second in 15 months.

Booker, the food distributor, fell 7p to 413p after announcing plans to expand its salmon farming business with the acquisition of Marine Harvest, the American-owned group, for £76.3 million. Booker intends to raise at least £42 million by way of a placing of new shares.

Senior Engineer continued to gather its poise after last week's profits warning that saw the shares slump from 106p to 72p. Yesterday they rallied 3p to 82p. The company has been talking to fund managers in an attempt to calm their nerves about future trading.

Newcomer **Chamberlain Phipps** firmed 2p to 169p helped by a buy recommendation from Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, which says trading has been in line with expectations. Laing's target price for the shares is 250p.

□ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts extended Tuesday's falls on the back of an ailing dollar and weaker German bunds. The falls were accelerated by the latest rise in retail sales.

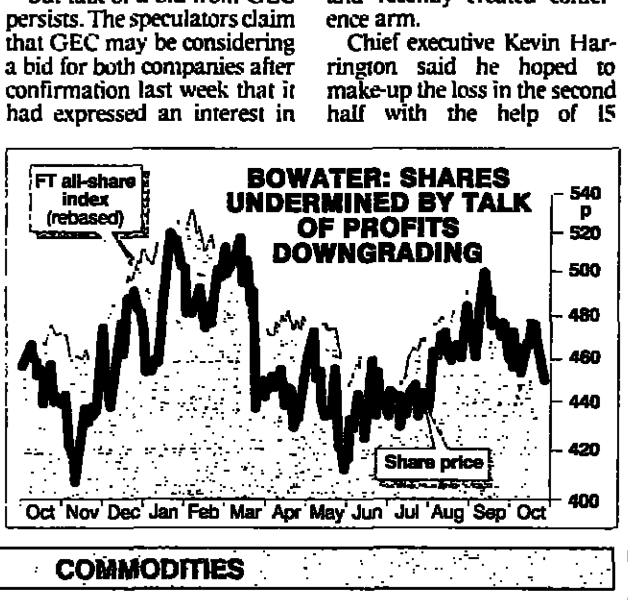
The December series of the long gilt future retreated in thin trading worried that further weakness in the dollar is likely to push US Treasuries lower and could eventually lead to a rise in US interest rates. It closed £13/32 down at £101 19/32, as 58,000 contracts were traded. At the longer end of the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 fell £9/16 to £104 13/32, while in shorts Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was £3/16 easier at £103 19/32.

□ **NEW YORK:** Shares were moderately lower at midday as investors sifted through hundreds of quarterly earnings reports. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 4.37 at 3,913.17



SNC says the water sector remains good value for money

ATTWOODS, fighting off a £364 million bid from Brown-Ferris Industries, the US waste specialist, was steady at 112p. The terms value Attwoods at 109p a share but Robert Miller-Bakewell, of NatWest Securities, says the break-up value is nearer 140p and that BFI can raise its offer by up to 15 per cent before suffering dilution.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	3913.17 (-4.37)
S&P Composite	467.87 (+0.21)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	19868.87 (-123.53)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	9320.06 (-98.51)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	404.01 (-1.49)
Sydney:	
AO	2013.4 (+10.0)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2051.16 (-33.60)
Singapore:	
Straits	2364.11 (-19.87)
Brussels:	
General	7200.93 (-24.43)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1876.31 (-22.29)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	645.60 (-3.50)
London:	
FT 30	2357.0 (-16.9)
FT 100	3060.8 (-24.5)
FT-SE Mid 250	3521.2 (-11.1)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1322.21 (-11.31)
FT A All-Share	1524.39 (-10.01)
FT Non Financials	1647.36 (-10.92)
FT Gold Mines	284.8 (-0.6)
FT Fixed Interest	108.55 (-0.53)
FT Govt Secs	91.60 (-0.18)
Bargains	20146
SEAQ Volume	596.0m
USM (Datastrm)	157.31 (+0.09)
US$	1.6188 (+0.0039)
German Mark	2.4298 (+0.0058)
Exchange Index	80.2 (+0.2)
RPI	145.0 Sep (2.2%) Jan 1987=100

Bank of England official close (4pm)

RECENT ISSUES

APTA Health Wts	4½	-1½
Artesian Estates	70	-1
Compel (125)	112	...
Cont'l Foods Wts	1¼	...
Ennemix (63)	67	...
Games Workshop (115)	126	...
Group Dv Cap Wts	30	...
Hambros Sml Asian	60	-1
Hambros Smlr As Wts	28	-1
Mackie Intnl (180)	181	...
Man ED & F (180)	169	-3
Servisair (135)	140	+2
Templeton Emerg New	369	+1
Templeton Emerg Wts	193	+1
Wrexham Water	340	...
Wrexham Water NV	320	-5

RIGHTS ISSUES

APTA Healthcare n/p (17)	¼	-¼
Cattles n/p (118)	9½	-3½
Dragon Oil n/p (Ir4p)	¼	...
Reckitt & Clmn n/p (500)	60	...
Smurfit (J) n/p (Ir330p)	48	-6
World of Leather n/p (75)	1½	-1½

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
SG Warburg	644p (+10p)
RMC Grp	977p (+9p)
Woodside	236p (+14p)
Frogmore	438p (+10p)
Micro Focus	838p (+18p)
FALLS:	
Cater Allen	481p (-11p)
Lloyds	554p (-10p)
Wintrust	225p (-13p)
Meyer Int	388p (-10p)
Auto Sec	71p (-12p)
Wellcome	658p (-13p)
M & G	925p (-28p)

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Smiths flies higher

SMITHS Industries continues to defy the laws of gravity in the aerospace industry that have sent so many of its competitors crashing to the ground. Thanks to relentless cost-cutting, the group is continuing to produce a double-digit margin from its aerospace division, even though both the civil and military businesses are in deep recession.

Meanwhile, the group's cash flow has allowed it to acquire an impressive medical hardware business that now generates more than 40 per cent of group profits, and a series of earnings-enhancing industrial businesses, while keeping debts low. The medical division shows few signs of the margin pressure besetting the drugs companies.

Some question whether Smiths will be able to survive in the long term as a medium-sized operator in an aerospace world that continues to consolidate. But why not when it outperforms its large rivals so comprehensively and is winning contracts on key aircaft, such as the Boeing 777. In any case, the group's cash generation allows it to hunt for sizeable acquisitions in the aerospace sector.

The current year should be one of further consolidation as Smiths establishes its outpatient care products business, centred around the recent acquisition of Deltec, the drug delivery system manufacturer. Next year, it should start to benefit from its $60 million investment in the Boeing 777.

The group's strengths naturally keep its shares on a premium rating. At 446p, they trade at almost 15 times current-year earnings forecasts. That, however, is not expensive, considering the benefits the group should reap when the aerospace market finally improves.

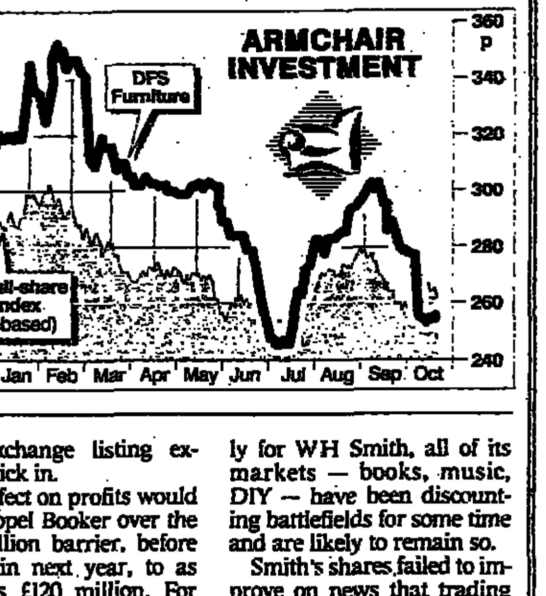
DFS Furniture

THE stock market demands a lot from DFS Furniture. The company managed an 18 per cent boost to sales in a lacklustre retail market and raised earnings per share by more a tenth but the share price is just below last November's 260p offer price.

DFS has suffered along with other retail shares in a market worried about consumer spending, a rising tax burden and house sales but part of the furniture group's problem are its strengths.

Furniture retailing relies on the hard sell and the DFS operation relies on customer service and a commission-motivated sales force. The success of the formula is measured in sales per sq ft, where it beats industry averages, and the company's focus on upholstered furniture means it operates in a market with few large-scale competitors. High-density selling and a good number of freehold premises — keeping overheads down — means DFS can keep 16 per cent of its revenue in profit.

Such a high margin leaves little room for improvement and the market is right to assume that higher earnings depend on sales growth. Revenues benefited from three new stores last year. DFS intends to roll out a further three each year, focusing on the affluent South Coast, but in the current year only one will come on stream. That puts increased pressure on DFS to keep delivering like-for-like sales growth: this year sales staff will earn their commissions.



Booker

IF Booker's plans had always been to expand in salmon farming, then steers to the City on future strategy begin to look like red herrings. Analysts were under the impression the next move from Charles Bowen, who has been there a little over a year, would be in the more stable wholesaling area, rather than in highly cyclical food production.

The travails of the salmon producers are well known, operating in a business whose wild gyrations make the pig cycle seem static and benign. The price on the table from Booker looks a low one, no matter that the deal was struck with Hanson, never a party keen to sell at the bottom of the market. The headline exit multiple being paid of 11 times earnings would presumably fall to below 10 once obvious cost-cutting such as the closure of the US headquarters and disappearance of American stock exchange listing expenses kick in.

The effect on profits would be to propel Booker over the £100 million barrier, before tax, again next year, to as much as £120 million. For now, the shares sell on 16 times' this year's earnings, or a 20 per cent premium to the sector. They are underpinned by a yield that approaches 7 per cent. But some of yesterday's fall in the shares can be attributed to City jitters that purchases such as Marine Harvest, although providing a swift short-term hike in profits, may not help Booker long term in its aim of keeping dividends growing in line with inflation while rebuilding cover again.

WH Smith

COOLER weather may be providing some relief to retailers, including WH Smith, but the vagaries of the British climate are as nothing to the ravages of price deflation on the high street. Unfortunately for WH Smith, all of its markets — books, music, DIY — have been discounting battlefields for some time and are likely to remain so.

Smith's shares failed to improve on news that trading since August was better and the market's fear is that any sales growth is unlikely to fill the hole in revenue dug in the months of June July and August.

The retailer is responding on two fronts: discounting CDs and other promotions at the same time as a massive escalation in additional selling space at WH Smith, Virgin and Waterstone.

Margins are still a worry; the company's massive market share and purchasing clout should enable it to squeeze suppliers but it will be hard pressed to keep that margin intact as it rolls out £140 million of additional selling space at the same time as price pressures increase with seasonal promotions.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	941-940	Mar	1047-1042
Mar	973-972	May	1056-1053
May	982-981	Jul	1066-1060
Jul	995-994	Sep	1077-1073
Sep	1009-1008		
Dec	1028-1026	Volume:	3684

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	3765-3760	Jul	3590-3570
Jan	3745-3740	Sep	3560-3520
Mar	3665-3660	Nov	3580-3500
May	3650-3630	Volume:	5718

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	337.0-36.1
Spot: 352.50		Oct	316.9-15.1
Dec	347.4-46.0	Dec	316.7-13.1
Mar	340.4-39.5	Mar	318.2-12.6
May	339.2-38.0	Volume:	1093

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 18

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB.	75.43	92.26	116.20
(+/-)	-0.51	+2.61	+0.71
Eng/Wales:	75.37	92.13	114.97
(+/-)	-0.29	+2.69	+0.36
(%)	-3.0	-8.0	+13.0
Scotland:	75.80	92.83	121.58
(+/-)	-1.82	+2.23	+2.50
(%)	-7.0	+7.0	-4.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.25	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Nov)	16.30	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Dec)	16.25	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	17.35	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.45	+0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 175 (+1)	O: 177 (+2)
Gasoil EEC	151 (+1)	152 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Nov	152 (+1)	154 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Dec	154 (n/c)	157 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	91 (+1)	93 (n/c)
Naphtha	171 (n/c)	173 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Nov	150.25-50.50	Feb	155.25-55.50
Dec	152.00-52.25	Mar	155.25-55.50
Jan	154.00-54.25	Vol:	12326

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	16.24-16.25	Mar	16.07-16.10
Jan	16.20-16.21	Apr	16.05-16.13
Feb	16.13-16.17	Vol:	18922

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	104.90	Nov	101.70
Jan	106.90	Jan	104.45
Mar	108.90	Mar	106.40
May	110.95	May	108.40
Jul	112.65	Sep	93.25
Volume:	182	Volume:	29

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	150.0
Apr	219.0	215.8
May	unq	240.0
	Volume:	55

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)

Nov 85.50-86.00

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 94	1875	1845	1865
Nov 94	1845	1830	1833
Dec 94	1800	1770	1778
Jan 95	1740	1682	1735

Vol: 299 lots Open Interest: 3147

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day).	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2516.0-2517.0	2515.0-2515.5	2856050
Lead ($/tonne)	647.50-648.00	659.00-659.50	201575
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1065.0-1066.0	1085.0-1086.0	535000
Tin ($/tonne)	5410.0-5420.0	5495.0-5500.0	13950
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1729.0-1730.0	1748.5-1749.0	1836625
Nickel ($/tonne)	6765.0-6766.0	6870.0-6875.0	73908

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Dom.	589	11	–	–	6½	–	–
(*591)	638	1	–	–	48	–	–
Argyll	260	12	21½	28½	2	13	17
(*268½)	280	3	11½	18½	13½	24	28
ASDA	60	4½	7	8½	1	3½	5½
(*63)	70	1	3	5	8	9½	11
Boots	500	30	40	53	1½	10½	17½
(*536)	550	1½	14	27	25½	38	43
Br Airways	360	17½	29½	40½	2	14½	20½
(*374)	390	2	15	26½	18½	31	36
BP	390	21	31½	40½	1½	11	16½
(*407½)	420	4	15	25½	15½	26	32
Br Steel	140	20½	24	28½	1	3	5
(*159)	160	3½	10½	17	4½	10	12½
C & W	390	22	36	47½	3	16	23½
(*406½)	420	3	21½	33	16½	31½	38
CU	493	45½	57½	62½	1	6½	16
(*534½)	543	3½	25	33½	13½	26½	40½
ICI	800	26	55	68½	4	22½	42½
(*819)	850	2½	29	43½	34	50	70
Kingfishr	460	31½	48	61	1½	11½	20½
(*487)	500	4½	23	39½	15½	28½	38
Land Sec	600	25½	36	48	2	14½	17
(*621)	650	1	12	24	30½	43	45
M & S	420	7	22	32½	4½	16½	22
(*422½)	460	1	6	15	38½	43½	46½
Nat West	460	41½	54½	63	1	9	21
(*497½)	500	8	29	39	8½	25	39½
Sainsbury	390	13½	28	39½	4	18	22½
(*398)	420	2	14½	25½	24	35	39½
Shell	700	16½	38	48	4½	17	30
(*710½)	750	1	14	23½	41	47	59½
Smkl Bch	390	28½	38	45	1	10½	16
(*416)	420	5½	21	28½	9	23½	30
Storehse	200	20	24½	29	1	4½	8½
(*217)	220	3	12	17	6	13	18
Trafalgar	80	6½	9	12	1½	5	6½
(*84)	90	1	5	7½	8½	10½	12½
Unilever	1100	44	67½	85	2	22½	37
(*1135½)	1150	7	38	55½	20½	45½	62
Zeneca	800	35½	62½	73	2½	20½	34½
(*830)	850	5	34	46	25	44	60½
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Grnd Met	390	35	42½	49	4	14	16½
(*414½)	420	13½	25	33	15	28	31
Ladbroke	140	18	24	26½	2	5½	8½
(*155½)	160	5	12½	16	11	14½	17
Utd Bisc	300	14½	25	29½	7½	12½	22
(*303½)	330	3½	12½	16	29	31	41

Series		Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
BAA	500	12½	29½	37	4	16½	21½
(*507)	525	2	14	24½	22½	31	34½
Thames W	500	30½	39½	52	1½	15½	19½
(*526½)	550	2½	15	28	26	42	46½
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
BAT Ind	420	31½	44	52½	5½	12½	23½
(*443)	460	8½	21	30	24	32	45
BTR	300	16½	26	31	6	11½	18½
(*308)	330	3½	12	17	25½	29	30
Br Aero	460	36	54½	63½	1½	27	36
(*475)	500	16½	35½	44½	37½	48½	58½
Br Telcm	390	13	18½	26½	9½	19	23
(*391½)	420	3	8	14	31	40	42½
Cadbury	430	31½	43	48	3½	8½	17
(*443)	460	8	20½	26	23	27½	38
Guinness	460	14	27½	34	8½	17½	26½
(*461½)	500	2	10½	16½	41½	44	52
GEC	280	11½	17	23½	6	12½	15½
(*282½)	300	3	8	14½	19	24	26½
Hanson	220	13½	17	20½	4	9	13
(*228)	240	3½	7½	11½	14½	20½	23½
LASMO	134	19½	–	–	2	–	–
(*150½)	154	6	–	–	9	–	–
Lucas	180	18	24	27½	3	6½	10
(*193)	200	6	12	17	12	16	20
Pilkingtn	180	14	17	23	3½	–	11
(*187½)	200	3½	8	13	15	19½	22½
Prudential	300	15½	25½	29	6½	12	19½
(*307)	330	3½	11½	14½	26	29½	38
Redland	460	23½	41	48	9	16½	32
(*471)	500	6½	22	29½	33½	39	50½
Royal Ins	280	14	24	30	10½	17	23½
(*281)	300	5½	15	22	23½	29	35½
Tesco	220	20	26½	31	3	6½	11½
(*234)	240	7½	14½	20	11½	16½	21
Vodafone	200	9½	16	21½	7½	14	17
(*200½)	217	3½	8½	–	19	24	–
Williams	325	20½	–	–	4½	–	–
(*338½)	354	5	–	–	19½	–	–

FT-SE INDEX (*3057½)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Oct	114	64	23	3½	1½	1½
Nov	143	107	76	50	31	18
Dec	170	135	106	78	57	40
Jan	195	162	134	105	84	63
Jun	–	237	–	181	–	137
Puts						
Oct	2	4	15	49	98	148
Nov	26	40	60	95	117	156
Dec	50	65	87	111	139	174
Jan	66	83	104	127	155	186
Jun	–	131	–	175	–	232

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	390	28½	37½	41½	9½	20½	25½
(*403½)	420	12	22	27	25	36½	42
Amstrad	25	3½	4½	6	2	3	3½
(*27)	30	1½	2½	3½	5	6	7
Barclays	550	37	51	59	14	27½	34½
(*566)	600	13	26	36	42	55½	63
Blue Circ	280	20½	28	34½	9	13½	24
(*287½)	300	10½	18	25	20½	24½	34½
Br Gas	280	16½	24½	29	8	13½	19
(*284½)	300	7	15	19½	19	23½	30½
Dixons	200	14	19½	25½	11	17	21
(*201)	220	6½	11½	17	24	29½	33
Forte	220	22	28	32	4½	8½	13½
(*233½)	240	9	16	21	14½	17	23½
Hillsdwn	160	17½	22½	25	4	6½	10½
(*173½)	180	6	11½	14½	13½	16	22
Lonrho	130	12½	16	19	6	10½	12
(*134½)	140	7	11½	14	11	16	17½
Scars	100	13	15	17	2	4	6
(*108½)	110	6	9½	11½	5½	8½	11½
Thm Eml	1000	43½	91	92½	25½	43½	52
(*1005½)	1050	19½	35½	59	55	72	79½
Tomkins	200	21½	26½	32	5	8½	11½
(*213½)	220	9	15½	22	13½	18	21½
TSB	200	26	29½	32½	3	7½	10½
(*218½)	220	13	17	21½	10½	17	20½
Wellcome	650	42	61½	74½	28	42½	54
(*659)	700	19½	39	52½	57½	70	92
Series		**Oct**	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Apr**
Glaxo	550	42	62	72½	1½	14½	28
(*589)	600	5½	32½	45½	17½	36	53
HSBC	700	22½	59½	69½	6	30½	54½
(*714)	750	3	31½	46	39½	59	83½
Reuter	450	12	–	–	5½	–	–
(*456)	462½	5½	–	–	12	–	–
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
R-Royce	160	15½	23½	26½	2½	5½	9
(*174½)	180	6	12½	16	11	14½	18½
Series		**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Fisons	110	10½	15	18	7½	9½	12
(*113)	120	6	10½	13½	14	16	17½
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Eastern Gp	700	47½	66½	83	12	28	37½
(*731)	750	19½	40½	57½	35	52	62
Series		**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Natl Pwr	460	32½	43½	55½	13	20½	30
(*478½)	500	13½	24½	35½	35	41½	50½
Scot Pwr	330	35½	43	51	8½	17	20½
(*352½)	360	18	27½	36½	22	31	35

October 19, 1994 Tot: 41205 Call: 18208 Put: 22997 FT-SE Call: 8914 Put: 13085

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 94	3100.0	3114.0	3065.0	3070.0	13694
Previous open interest: 60080	Mar 95	3131.0	3131.0	3107.5	3093.0	11
Three Month Sterling	Dec 94	93.52	93.54	93.47	93.52	25254
Previous open interest: 471063	Mar 95	92.72	92.73	92.66	92.71	28485
	Jun 95	92.15	92.15	92.09	92.13	9522
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 94				94.08	0
Previous open interest: 4296	Mar 95				93.67	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 94	94.81	94.82	94.79	94.80	13788
Previous open interest: 636079	Mar 95	94.53	94.53	94.48	94.50	30733
Long Gilt	Dec 94	101-24	101-27	101-08	101-19	58643
Previous open interest: 93240	Mar 95				100-22	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 94	107.45	107.67	107.45	107.65	2875
	Mar 95	106.77	106.77	106.77	106.92	18
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 94	90.74	90.74	90.20	90.37	143912
Previous open interest: 179488	Mar 95	89.80	89.80	89.50	89.57	275
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 94					
open interest: 0						
Three month ECU	Dec 94	93.86	93.86	93.80	93.84	667
Previous open interest: 20213	Mar 95	93.41	93.41	93.38	93.40	578
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 94	95.72	95.74	95.70	95.74	2806
Previous open interest: 44727	Mar 95	95.44	95.44	95.41	95.43	1941
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 94	99.55	99.84	99.35	99.43	27060
Previous open interest: 63365	Mar 95	98.70	98.90	98.70	98.69	648

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7 Low 5½ Week fixed: 5¾

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5½; 3 mth 5½. Sell: 2 mth 5⅞; 3 mth: 5⅞.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¹¹/₁₆-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¹¹/₁₆	6⅛-5¹⁵/₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅞-5¾	5¹⁵/₁₆-5¹³/₁₆	5¹⁵/₁₆-5¹³/₁₆	6¼-6⅛	7½-7¼
Interbank:	5⅞-5¾	5¹¹/₁₆-5¹³/₁₆	5¹⁵/₁₆-5¹³/₁₆	6¼-6⅛	7⅜-7¼

Overnight: open 5¾, close 7.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5¾	n/a	5¹⁵/₁₆	6½	7¼
Sterling CDs:	5¹¹/₁₆-5¹¹/₁₆	5¹³/₁₆-5¾	5⅞-5¾	6¼-6⅛	7⅛-7
Dollar CDs:	4.79-4.75	n/a	5.45-5.42	5.72-5.69	6.22-6.19
Building Society CDs:	5¾-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¹³/₁₆	6⅛-6⅛	7⅛-7⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Aug 31, 1994 Agreed rates Sep 26, 1994 to Oct 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.82%. Reference rate July 30, 1994 to Aug 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.578%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4⅞-4¾	5-4¾	5⅜-5¼	5¹³/₁₆-5¾	4¾-3¾
Deutschemark:	4⅞-4¾	4¹⁵/₁₆-4⅞	5⅛-5	5⅜-5¼	5-4
French Franc:	5⅛-5	5⅜-5¼	5½-5⅜	5⅞-5¾	5⅛-4⅞
Swiss Franc:	3⅞-3¾	3⅞-3¾	4⅛-4	4⅜-4¼	4⅛-3½
Yen:	2¼-2	2¼-2⅛	2¼-2⅛	2¼-2⅛	2¼-1½

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $388.70-389.10 Close: $390.50-391.00 High: $390.80-391.30 Low: $388.40-388.90 AM: $389.00 PM: $391.10

Krugerrand: $390.00-392.00 (£241.00-243.00)

Platinum: $418.70 (£258.60) Silver: $5.41 (£3.345) Palladium: $154.75 (£95.60)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 19	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7193-2.7277	2.7204-2.7238	½pr-par	⅞-½pr
Brussels	49.92-50.10	49.96-50.06	5pr-par	13-6pr
Copenhagen	9.5020-9.5370	9.5100-9.5250	⅛-⅝ds	⅛-1⅛ds
Dublin	1.0115-1.0148	1.0115-1.0141	4pr-par	10-6pr
Frankfurt	2.4258-2.4350	2.4298-2.4330	½pr-par	1¼-⅞pr
Lisbon	248.26-249.65	248.67-249.32	81-88ds	258-274ds
Madrid	201.76-202.82	202.32-202.61	30-39ds	95-107ds
Milan	2476.90-2487.50	2477.50-2481.50	5-6ds	17-19ds
Montreal	2.1880-2.1967	2.1904-2.1935	0.16-0.09pr	0.27-0.20pr
New York	1.6166-1.6208	1.6174-1.6184	0.09-0.08pr	0.18-0.15pr
Oslo	10.5650-10.6060	10.5740-10.5890	¼pr-¼ds	1¼-2¼ds
Paris	8.3180-8.3510	8.3300-8.3440	¼pr-par	⅞-¼pr
Stockholm	11.6410-11.7000	11.6550-11.6790	1¼-2¼ds	5¼-7¼ds
Tokyo	157.27-157.92	157.27-157.54	⅝-½pr	1½-1⅜pr
Vienna	17.0700-17.1500	17.0900-17.1300	1⅜-¾pr	4⅛-2⅛pr
Zurich	2.0117-2.0195	2.0144-2.0174	⅝-½pr	1-⅞pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3590-1.3609
Austria	10.57-10.58
Belgium (Com)	30.91-30.92
Canada	1.3550-1.3555
Denmark	5.8847-5.8867
France	5.1542-5.1552
Germany	1.5020-1.5025
Hong Kong	7.7265-7.7275
Ireland	1.5972-1.5987
Italy	1533.00-1534.00
Japan	97.15-97.20
Malaysia	2.5472-2.5482
Netherlands	1.6836-1.6841
Norway	6.5410-6.5440
Portugal	153.80-154.00
Singapore	1.4675-1.4685
Spain	125.00-125.15
Sweden	7.2132-7.2207
Switzerland	1.2459-1.2464

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6187-1.6205
Australia dollar	2.2010-2.2054
Bahrain dinar	0.604-0.616
Brazil real*	1.3684-1.3725
Cyprus pound	0.736-0.746
Finland markka	7.407-7.523
Greece drachma	368.75-375.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.5131-12.5224
India rupee	50.24-51.20
Kuwait dinar KD	0.475-0.485
Malaysia ringgit	4.1247-4.1281
Mexico peso	5.45-5.55
New Zealand dollar	2.6463-2.6518
Pakistan rupee	49.03 buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.007-6.133
Singapore dollar	2.3763-2.3790
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4125-6.4652
S Africa rand (com)	5.6896-5.6981
U A E dirham	5.878-6.002

Barclays Bank GTS * *Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	387	Legal & Gn	310
ASDA Gp	2,200	Lloyds Bk	894
Abbey Natl	626	MEPC	1,100
Allied Dom	1,700	Marks Spr	3,300
Argyll Gp	2,000	NatWst Bk	5,200
Arjo Wiggn	1,400	Nat Power	1,000
AB Foods	292	Nth Wst W	1,000
BAA	1,100	P & O	2,200
BAT Inds	4,400	Pearson	1,900
BOC	206	PowerGen	524
BP	8,700	Prudential	2,900
BTR	12,000	RMC	176
BT	9,300	RTZ	1,000
Bk of Scot	1,900	Rank Org	2,000
Barclays	3,300	Reckitt Col	4,400
Bass	1,500	Redland	2,100
Blue Circle	372	Reed Intl	1,100
Boots	1,400	Rentokil	274
Bowater	1,400	Reuters	3,900
Brit Aero	1,500	Rolls Royce	4,800
Brit Airwys	1,700	Ryl Ins	2,300
Brit Gas	7,700	Ryl Bk Scot	1,300
Brit Steel	16,000	Sainsbury	1,200
Burmah Cstl	73	Schroders	27
Cable Wire	4,700	Scot & New	259
Cadbury	1,700	Scot Power	4,800
Caradon	540	Sears	6,900
Carlton Cms	1,800	Svrn Trent	1,200
Cm Union	2,200	Shell Trans	3,600
Courtaulds	499	Siebe	655
De La Rue	95	SmKl Bch	5,300
Eastern Elec	206	Smith Nph	1,900
Enterpr Oil	1,300	Sthern Elec	670
Forte	2,800	Std Chartd	3,800
GKN	713	Sun Allnce	1,800
GRE	691	TI Gp	291
GUS	585	TSB	3,800
Gen Acc	632	Tesco	2,400
Gen Elec	13,000	Thames W	956
Glaxo	6,200	Thrn EMI	252
Granada	3,200	Tomkins	539
Grand Met	2,300	Unilever	946
Guinness	2,700	Utd Bisc	1,100
HSBC	4,200	Vodafone	4,900
Hanson	4,700	Warburg (SG)	154
ICI	1,100	Wellcome	773
Inchcape	929	Whitbread	1,000
Kingfisher	860	Wlms Hld	343
Ladbroke	1,300	Wolseley	162
Land Secs	739	Zeneca	2,600

WALL STREET

	Oct 19 midday	Oct 18 close
AMP Inc	77½	78½
AMR Corp	53½	52
AT & T	53½	53½
Abbott Labs	31½	31½
Aetna Life	47½	47½
Ahmanson (HF)	19½	19½
Air Prod & Chem	46½	46½
Albertson's	29½	29½
Alcan Alumnm	27½	27½
Alco Standard	59½	59½
Allied Signal	35½	35½
Alum Co of Am	87	86½
Amax Gold Inc	7½	7½
Amerada Hess	48	48½
Amer Brands	35½	35½
Amer Cyanamid	99	99½
Amer El Power	31½	31½
Amer Express	30½	30½
Amer Genl Corp	26½	26½
Amer Home Pr	61½	62
Amer Intl	90½	91
Amer Stores	26½	26½
Ameritech	39½	39
Amoco	59½	59½
Anheuser-Busch	51½	51½
Apple Computer	42	41½
Archer Daniels	27½	27½
Armco	6½	6½
Armstrng Wrld	43½	43½
Asarco	33½	33
Ashland Oil	37½	37½
Atl Richfield	102½	103½
Auto Data Pro	57	57
Avery Dennison	35½	35½
Avon Products	59½	59½
Baker Hughes	19	19½
Baltim Gas & El	23	23½
Banc One	28½	28
BankAmerica	44½	45
Bank of NY	30½	30½
Bankers Tr NY	66	66½
Barnett Banks	42½	42½
Bausch & Lomb	33½	34½
Baxter Intl	27½	27½
Bectn Dicknsn	47½	47
Bell Atlantic	51½	51½
BellSouth	54½	55½
Black & Decker	22½	22½
Block (H&R)	45½	45
Boeing	43½	43½
Boise Cascade	27½	27½
Borden Inc	13½	13½
Bristol Myrs Sq	58½	59½
Browning Ferris	31½	31½
Brunswick	21½	21½
Burlington Nthn	49½	50½
CBS	60½	306
CNA Financial	61½	61½
CPC Intl	51½	52½
CSX	69½	69½
Campbell Soup	40½	39½
Can Pacific	16½	16½
Cpd Cities ABC	76½	77½
Carolina Pwr	26½	26½
Caterpillar	55½	55½
Central & SW	23½	23
Champion Intl	38½	39½
Chase Manhat	36½	35½
Chemical Bk	37	37½
Chevron Corp	42½	43
Chrysler	46½	46½
Chubb Corp	71½	72½
Cigna Corp	63½	63½
Citicorp	44½	44½
Clorox	53½	53½
Coastal Corp	27½	27½
Coca Cola	51	50½
Colgate-Palmolive	60½	60½
Columbia Gas	28½	28½
Compaq Comp	36½	35½
Comp Ass Intl	48½	47½
Conagra	31½	31½
Cons Edison	25½	25½
Cons Nat Gas	37½	37½
Cons Rail	51	51½
Cooper Inds	39½	39½
Corning Inc	34½	33½
Crown Cork	39½	39½
Dana Corp	26½	26½
Dayton Hudson	80½	81½
Deere	71½	71½
Delta Air Lines	46½	45½
Deluxe Corp	29½	29½
Detroit Edison	25½	26½
Digital Equip	30½	29½
Dillard Dept St	26½	26½
Disney (Walt)	38½	38½
Dominion Res	37½	37½
Donelley (RR)	32	32½
Dover Corp	56½	56½
Dow Chemical	75½	76
Dow Jones	30½	29½
Dresser	20½	20½
Duke Power	38½	38½
Dun & Brdstreet	59½	59½
Du Pont	59½	59½
Eastman Kodak	49½	49½
Eaton Corp	48½	48½
Emerson Elec	62½	61½
Engelhard Corp	23½	23½
Enron Corp	31	30½
Entergy	24	24
Ethyl Corp	11½	11½
Exxon	59½	59½
FMC Corp	62½	63½
FPL Group	32½	32½
Federal Express	64½	63½
Fed Nat Mtge	78½	78½
First Chicago	47½	46½
First Interstate	81½	81½
First Union Rlty	7½	7½
Fleet Finl Grp	36½	37½
Fluor Corp	47½	47
Ford Motor	29½	28½
GTE Corp	30½	30½
Gannett	49½	49½
Gap Inc Del	35½	35½
Gen Dynamics	44	44
Gen Electric	49½	49½
Gen Mills	57½	56½
Gen Motors	46½	46½
Gen Reinsurance	109½	109½
Gen Signal	34½	34½
Genuine Parts	35½	35½
Georgia Pac	77½	78
Gillette	73½	73½
Glaxo ADR	19	19½
Goodrich (BF)	44½	44½
Goodyear Tire	36	35½
Grace (W&R)	40	40½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25½	26½
Great Wstn Fin	19	18½
Halliburton	31½	31½
Harcourt General	35½	35½
Heinz (HJ)	36½	37½
Hercules	103½	103½
Hershey Foods	46½	46½
Hewlett Packard	91½	90½
Hilton Hotels	59½	58½
Home Depot	43½	43½
Homestake Mng	20½	20½
Honeywell	35½	34½
Household Intl	36½	36½
Houston Inds	35½	35½
Humana	23	23½
ITT Corp	84½	84½
Illinois Tool	42½	41½
Illinova	19½	19½
INCO	29½	20
Ingersoll Rand	34½	34½
Inland Steel	36½	36
Intel Corp	60	58½
IBM	74½	74½
Intl Flav & Fr	41½	41½
Intl Paper	79	79½
James River Va	23½	23½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	54½	53½
Kellogg	57½	57½
Kerr-McGee	45½	45½
Kimberly-Clark	57½	58½
Kmart	16	16½
Knight-Ridder	51½	51½
Lilly (Eli)	59½	58½
Limited Inc	18½	18½
LIN Brdcstng	137½	137½
Lincoln Nat	35½	35½
Litton	37	36½
Liz Claiborne	23½	23½
Lockheed	71½	71½
Louisiana Pac	31	31½
MCI Comm	24½	24½
Marriott Int	29½	29½
Marsh & McLnn	75½	76
Masco Corp	24	24½
May Dept St	38	38½
Maytag Corp	16	16½
McDonalds	27½	27½
McDonnell D	125½	123
McGraw Hill	74	74
Mead Corp	50½	50½
Medtronic	54	53½
Mellon Bk	56½	56½
Melville Corp	34½	34½
Merck Inc	35½	35½
Merrill Lynch	35½	35½
Minnesota Mine	55½	55½
Mobil Corp	81½	81½
Monsanto	76½	77½
Morgan (JP)	60½	61½
Motorola Inc	54½	54½
Natl Medical	14½	14½
Natl Semi	15	15½
Natl Service Ind	27	27
Navistar Intl	12½	13
NBD Bancorp	29½	29½
NY Times A	22½	21½
Newmont Mng	43½	42½
Ning Mohawk	13½	13½
Nike B	61½	61
NL Industries	11	11
Noram Energy	6½	6½
Nordstrom	46½	46½
Norfolk Sthrn	64	64½
Nthn State Pwr	43½	43½
Norwest Corp	24½	24½
Nynex Corp	38½	38½
Occidental Pet	21½	20½
Ohio Edison	18½	19
Oracle Systems	45½	45½
Oryx Energy Co	14½	14½
Owens Corning	32½	32
PNC Financial	25½	25½
PPG Industries	39½	40½
Paccar Inc	41½	41½
Pacificorp	16½	16½
Pac Enterprises	20½	20½
Pac Gas & Elec	22½	22½
Pac Telesis	30½	30½
Pall Corp	18½	18
Panhandle East	23	22½
Parker Hannifin	44½	43
Peco Energy	25½	25½
Penney (JC)	51½	51½
Pennzoil	48½	48½
Pepsico	34½	34½
Pfizer	71½	72
Phelps Dodge	62½	62½
Philip Morris	62	61½
Phillips Pet	34½	34½
Pitney Bowes	35½	35½
Polaroid	33½	33½
PriceCostco	15½	15½
Procter & Gmbl	63½	63½
Providian	30½	31½
Pub Serv E & G	26½	26½
Quaker Oats	74½	74½
Ralston Purina	42	42½
Raychem Corp	39½	39½
Raytheon	61½	62½
Reebok Intl	38½	38½
Reynolds Metals	57½	57½
Roadway Srvcs	56	55½
Rockwell Intl	35½	36½
Rohm & Haas	60	58½
Royal Dutch	112½	113½
Rubbermaid	26½	26½
Safeco Corp	50½	51
St Paul's Cos	42½	42½
Salomon Inc	38½	38½
Santa Fe Pac	14½	15½
Sara Lee Corp	23	23
Seecorp	13½	13½
Schering Plough	71½	70½
Schlumberger	54½	55½
Scott Paper	63½	64½
Seagram	30½	30½
Sears Roebuck	47½	47½
Shell Trans	69½	69½
Sherwin Wlms	32½	32½
Skyline Corp	21½	21½
Snap-On-Tools	34½	34½
Southern Co	19½	19½
Sthwestern Bell	40½	41½
Sprint Corp	37½	37½
Stanley Works	40½	40½
Sun Company	30½	30½
Sun Microsys	32½	32½
Suntrust	48½	48½
Supervalu	25½	25½
Sysco Corp	24½	24½
TRW Inc	73½	74
TCC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	18½	18
Tandy Corp	43	42½
Teledyne	19½	19½
Temple Inland	52½	53½
Tenneco	44½	44½
Texaco	63½	63½
Texas Inst	68½	68½
Texas Utilities	32½	33
Textron	49½	49½
Time Warner	35½	36½
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Timken	36½	37½
Torchmark	41½	42½
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Transamerica	48½	49½
Travelers	33½	33
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Tyco Labs	49	48½
UST Inc	28½	28
UAL	89½	86½
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Union Camp	49½	49½
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US West	37½	37½
United Tech	63½	63½
Unocal Corp	28½	28½
Upjohn	33½	33½
VF Corp	50½	51
WMX Tech	29½	29½
Wal-Mart Stores	23½	23½
Warner-Lambert	78½	78½
Wells Fargo	149½	149½
Westinghouse El	13½	13½
Weyerhaeuser	40½	40½
Whirlpool	52½	52½
Whitman	16½	16½
Winn Dixie	51½	51½
Woolworth	16½	17
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	41½	41½
Xerox	111½	111½
Yellow Corp	19½	19½

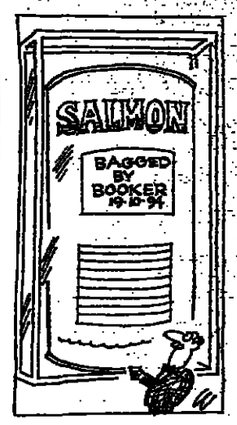
THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Hodgson's heir apparent

THE serious minded, and those with short haircuts who are turning up today for the annual conference of the Institute of Economic Affairs, are in for a programme change. If they hoped to see Howard Hodgson on the podium as session chairman for the topic "UK economic policy options. A time to act or to bide your time — the Chancellor's options", he will not be there. Hodgson, a one-time funeral king who wrote the book *How To Become Dead Rich*, now runs Halkin Holdings, the Ronson lighter group, and recently changed his secretary. In a mix-up with the office diary, the date of the IEA conference was entered for another day, and he has had to decline the honour. Hodgson would certainly have added flair to the conference. He still sports shoulder-length hair, and is said to be co-writing a book on former Beatle Paul McCartney. IEA has, however, found a replacement and has bidden John Colenutt, an economist at Cazenove, to keep proper order.

Hopping over

THE Queen may well have gazed on them while in Russia, and now they are hopping over to London. The Frog Service of 272 pieces, commissioned by Empress Catherine of Russia and named after one of her palaces that was situated on a frog march, is coming to the V&A as part of Wedgwood's celebrations of the bicentenary of Josiah Wedgwood's death next year.



Worthy date

A WORTHY one-day conference, which has the backing of the Prime Minister, is being held in Plymouth tomorrow, Trafalgar Day, on "employing disabled and disadvantaged people". Delegates include James Paice, minister for special needs employment, Sir John Banham, a former director-general of the CBI, the Employment Service, Cornwall County Council and Devon County Council, and the Probation Service. Opening address by Lady Mary Holborow. Further details on 0752-767929.

Coming clean

TODAY'S visitors to the 1994 Singer & Friedlander Company Investor Show at the Barbican, at which 40 smaller companies have a forum to sing out their own praises, should find some fun exhibits to finger. Biotrace International, which came to market last November, has on show a "swab monitor" used in the food and drink industries to monitor hygiene standards and contamination levels. Rather useful, methinks, for testing the office sandwich, or detecting those who will handle dirty money.

STAFF at Fico, a special Inland Revenue office based in Hinchley Wood, Surrey, who announce themselves on the phone as "Thicko" are on notice to leave, or to take redundancy, before the end of next March.

COLIN CAMPBELL

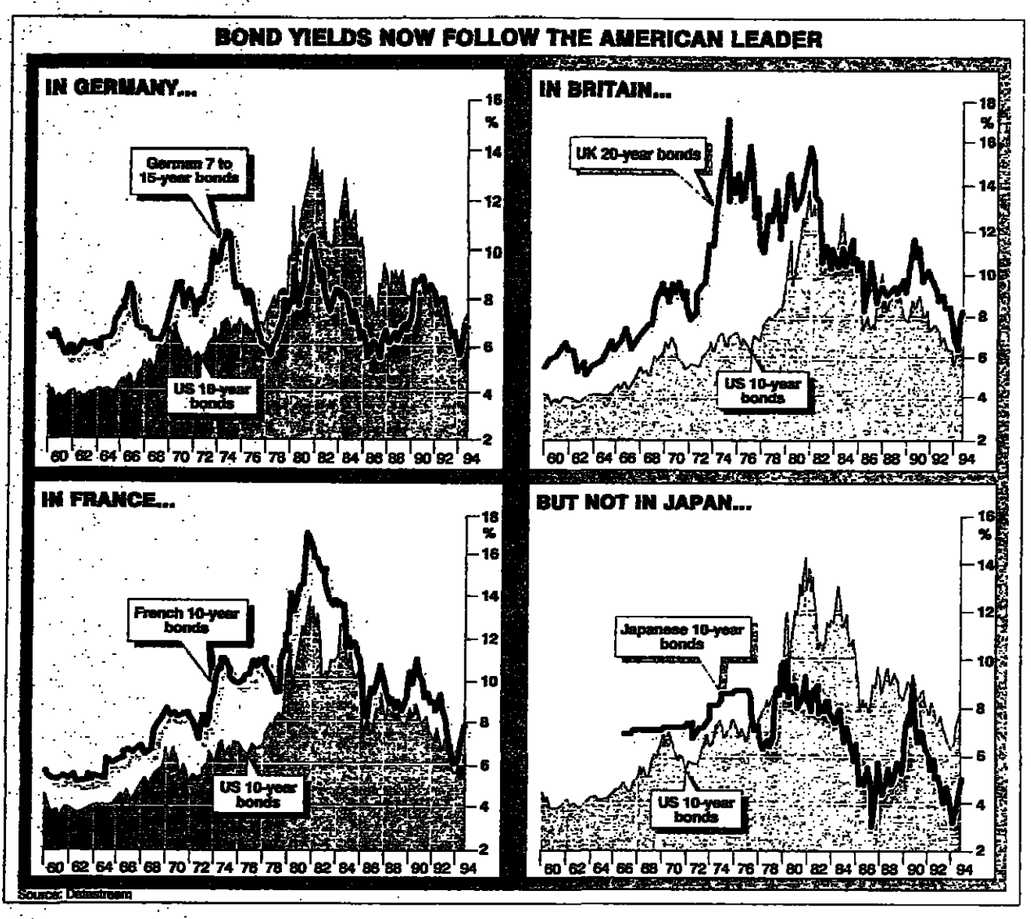
ECONOMIC VIEW



ANATOLE KALETSKY

Time for the policymakers to throw off their bonds

The Chancellor should be agnostic about messages from the financial markets



Last week, Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, made an unusual confession. He was annoyed with world financial markets. Investors, he said, were naturally concerned about inflation but these days they were "overdoing it a bit". They were "exaggerating the likely upward movement of inflation in the industrial countries, including Britain". And that meant they were also exaggerating the threat of rising official interest rates. The consequence was to reduce investment and economic growth.

I fully agree, but, coming from Mr George, the feined surprise is a bit rich. Not only has the Bank of England been deliberately whipping up anxiety in the financial markets about inflation, but on September 7, Mr George successfully demanded a tightening of monetary policy in Britain on the grounds that he could foresee "financial market dangers" if the Chancellor refused to raise rates. If the market's worries about inflation were exaggerated, why on earth did he want the Chancellor to follow their lead?

The answer is that the warnings from the markets — and the Bank — should be ignored. A month ago, I listed some of the superficial causes of irrational behaviour among investors: their childish impatience and misunderstanding of economics and their excessive respect for central banks. Today, I will delve deeper and offer three more fundamental reasons why the "bond market vigilantes", who have replaced the Gnomes of Zurich in Bank mythology, will always be wrong.

After the inflationary robbery of the 1970s and early 1980s, rational people will never again accept the pre-inflation view that bonds, offering a paper promise to pay paper money from a government, are a "safer" investment than shares which represent a real stake in economic wealth. For a bond is a long-term obligation, stretching 10, 15 or even 30 years ahead — and nothing that might be said or done today by governments or central bankers could possibly bind generations to come.

Thus, bonds today must carry a much higher risk-premium than they did in the last period of low inflation. In the 1960s, currencies were still linked to gold, and persistently high inflation was impossible, or at least illegal — not merely wicked or unwise. This means, in turn, that the premium paid by bonds over index-linked securities is not the "objective measure" of inflationary expectation claimed by Mr George. In a world of paper money, bonds must carry a large *risk-premium* beyond expected inflation. To attract rational long-term investors a bond must be cheap enough to offer a much *higher* prospective return than an index-linked security or even a diversified share portfolio. This conjecture seems to be borne out by the recent behaviour of markets, where bonds have offered higher total returns than equities, at the cost of much greater instability.

My second point is that today's professional investors, brought up in the wildly gyrating bull and bear markets of the 1970s and 1980s, have no idea how to cope with financial stability. Even if the conditions for stable non-inflationary growth were now present, markets would continue to behave erratically.

Financial trends always tend to overshoot and the amount of overshooting is something investors learn from experience. After the roller-coaster of the 1970s and 1980s, the vertigo in both bull and bear markets is bound to be more extreme than in the 1950s, even if underlying economic conditions become as stable as they were then.

For both the above reasons, the present high bond yields can tell us nothing useful about inflation expectations. Not only do they include an unknowable insurance premium against the possibility of catastrophic inflation in the distant future; they also include a volatility and overshooting premium based on the *past* behaviour of financial markets, which has nothing to do with the prospects for the economy in the years ahead.

But there is a third, international, reason for disregarding the "message from the markets", even if the two above do not convince. The yields in all major bond markets, especially in Europe, are now set by marginal investors from America and Japan. But when an American pension fund buys a British gilt-edged bond, it reasons quite differently from a British institution. Americans do not care how much their gilts will yield above British inflation. They need to know how much they will pay relative to a US bond, after taking the expected rise or fall of sterling into account.

For a foreign investor, a gilt is therefore a bet on currency movements, not on expected inflation. Gilt yields would only send meaningful messages about inflationary expectations in Britain if currencies were driven mainly by inflation differentials, which they demonstrably are not.

But the international aspect of bond investment has another even more disturbing implication for people who want to draw conclusions for economic policy from the recent collapse of worldwide bond markets. Beyond the lure of apparently high currency-adjusted yields, there was, until this year, a second powerful argument driving American and Japanese money into the international bond markets. This was the cult of "global diversification".

American and Japanese insurance companies thought they could reduce the risk in their portfolios by spreading their bond investments around the world. Until the past two years, this sounded convincing enough. The British, German and American economies were all moving at different rates through their economic cycles, so bond prices in one country were likely to be rising while they fell somewhere else. By spreading a portfolio among many countries, an investor should secure a much more stable performance, since short-term fluctuations in different countries cancelled out.

A few years ago, however, a funny thing began to happen, just as the argument was catching on among the pension fund trustees from Kansas City and Kobe. Bond markets all over the world, which had each been marching to the beats of different drummers, moved closer and closer together. By the second half of last year they were all taking their lead from America — only the Japanese market seemed to have a life of its own. And as the different bond markets started to move in tandem, the benefits of global diversification disappeared.

The parallel movement of bond markets around the world was no mere coincidence. Ironically, it was a direct consequence of the efforts by international investors to diversify. As the investors of America and Japan poured their money into Germany, Italy, France and Britain, they came to dominate the movements of these markets and thereby undermined the benefits of diversification. Gradually, the pension fund trustees from Kobe to Kansas City have woken up. They have realised that buying British or German bonds is nothing more than glorified currency speculation: it is equivalent to buying US Treasuries with an added element of currency risk. Such risks may pay off for George Soros, but his gains are usually made at the expense of lumbering pension fund trustees.

Now consider the consequences for bond yields as the fad for global diversification goes into reverse. The mindless acquisition of European bonds by the Japanese and Americans in the early 1990s is now being replaced by equally mindless selling. This means that bond prices have inevitably fallen lower — and yields have risen higher — than they would have if pure economics were in control.

None of this means that bond yields will keep on rising. Prices may well have fallen enough by now to take account of all the disruptive factors described. But, whatever happens next to bond prices, the message for policymakers should be clear: the bond markets are no better guide to economic policy than the currency markets that used to obsess their forerunners. Governments should leave bond investors alone to enjoy their rough and tumble — and ignore any "messages from the markets" allegedly heard by their central banks.

Gap opens up in race to a free market

EBRD finds former Soviet bloc still has a long way to go, says Colin Narbrough

Five years after the transition to the market system began in the former Soviet empire, the region is marked by a widening gap between economies quickly catching up the West and others showing scant progress.

This picture emerges from the first *Transition Report* by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), which charts progress in privatisation, restructuring enterprises, price and foreign trade liberalisation, and banking reform.

Jacques de Larosière, brought in as EBRD president a year ago to replace Jacques Attali after the City-based bank came under fire for lavish spending, has made his mark.

The report's tone reflects the EBRD's new thrift, caution and desire to be focused on concrete investment projects in the private sector. Its conclusions are diplomatic.

M de Larosière's comment on the report, which replaces previous quarterly and annual economic assessments, was that five years' experience of transition in the EBRD's 25 target countries had left "much to learn".

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Given the uncertainties of the economic data available, the EBRD's analysts admit there is a lot to be done before economic progress can be measured accurately. The economists have nevertheless produced fascinating league tables, which identify three main groups.

The one making the fastest progress is formed, predictably, by the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, the Slovak Republic, the Baltic states and Slovenia, part of former Yugoslavia.

Given the bad news from Moscow recently, it is perhaps surprising that Russia, along with Kyrgyzstan, is in the next tier for progress, along with other countries in Eastern Europe. The rest of the former Soviet Union trails in the bottom group.

The EBRD says that the third group is finding it particularly difficult to liberalise trade, undertake the restructuring of state enterprises and, in some cases, achieve even small-scale privatisation.

Study of last year's macroeconomic performance revealed that most forecasts had been too pessimistic for Eastern Europe, but too optimistic for the former Soviet Union. Most Eastern European economies and the Baltic states achieved lower inflation and emerging signs of growth.

The former Soviet Union is, in most forecasts, expected to suffer another large decline in output this year. Gross domestic product in Eastern Europe and the Baltic states is, however, seen achieving substantial growth.

A disturbing conclusion in the report is that the gap between the hares and the tortoises is likely to widen in the year ahead, lending justification to M de Larosière's drive to invest more in difficult economies.

The fast-track reformers have attracted the lion's share of direct foreign investment, which grew ten-fold between 1990 and 1993 to $12 billion. Two thirds went to the Czech and Slovak Republics and Hungary.

For all their progress in privatising small and medium-sized enterprise and liberlising prices and foreign trade, the EBRD's target countries, including the most advanced, received poorer marks for large-scale privatisation and reform of the banking sector and company restructuring.

Nicholas Stern, the bank's chief economist, says the jury is "still out" regarding the quality of the corporate governance varying privatisation policies produce.

The two main approaches have been rapid privatisation, which hands over assets as quickly as possible to investors and leaves market forces to do the rest, while the other, slower method has been to restructure enterprises before privatisation to ensure that the new owners will be in a position to demand good management.

The EBRD also focuses attention on taxation. Tax reform, the report says, is urgently needed, as tax collection is "at the heart of financial stability". However, much of the change it fosters has helped erode the old system's tax revenues, creating larger budget deficits and inflation. As M de Larosière said, there is a much to learn.

LETTERS

Coal managers have best efficiency record in the world

From the President, British Association of Colliery Management

Sir, Pennington's article "Coal baron seizes the throne" (October 13) conveys an interesting concept that the sale of British Coal Corporation will now go to the public via RJB.

No doubt Mr Budge's shares will be thrown into the pot and he could end up a very rich man, you can't blame him for that. The coal industry under BCC management has increased productivity and efficiency and reduced costs over the past six years at a pace that no other industry in the world has equalled.

Management who, according to Pennington, do not inspire confidence, have in the last three years managed an industry that was worth nothing, into a profitable enterprise.

The future industry will have historical debts and liabilities amounting to many billions of pounds written off and is in a position to produce coal at world prices.

The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary.

The management of the coal industry congratulate Mr Budge on his successful bid and are confident that he is able to maintain the safety records and improvements made by the latest management who, according to Pennington, fail to inspire confidence.

The management he criticises have achieved this in spite of the fact that their endeavours will render most of them out of work. Thanks, Pennington.

Yours faithfully,
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Inflation is enemy of pensioners' savings

From J. R. Haynes

Sir, Your economics correspondent, Ms Janet Bush, was allowed to state on the front page (October 13) that the biggest losers from the lowest inflation figures for 27 years would be pensioners.

As a pensioner, I wonder when will she ever learn that inflation is legalised robbery from any savings we might possess.

The figures were good news, but we were still robbed of 2.2 per cent, and so there is room for improvement.

However, a political party that puts low inflation at the top of its priorities deserves the vote from all pensioners with any "nest egg", however small.

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Economic riddle

From Mr Helmut Winkler

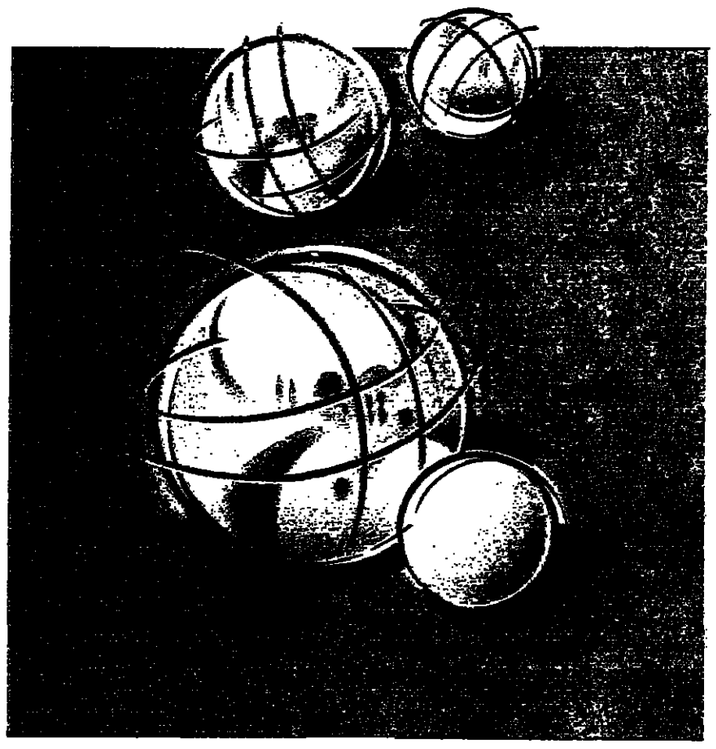
Sir, Yesterday, there was little indication of inflationary pressure on the economy, today, the rise in raw material prices fuels fears of inflation. Last month's base rate increase was a warning shot across the bows of companies thinking of trying to pass on higher costs of raw materials.

What disincentive not to pass on higher interest together with the higher raw material costs? What the distinction between commodities, financial or otherwise. Wherefrom the misconception the economy can be managed to success?

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Grofund Japan	179.40	189.90	- 1.10	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
Equity & Law Hse. Corpn St, Coventry 0203 553 251				
General Acc	515.30	548.20t	- 3.50	2.81
General Inc	454.30	483.40t	- 3.10	2.81
UK Growth Acc	347.60	369.80t	- 2.30	2.90
UK Growth Inc	297.90	253.10t	- 1.60	2.90
Higher Inc Acc	651.20	692.80t	- 4.20	3.99
Higher Inc Inc	376.30	400.60t	- 1.50	3.99
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	179.60	189.60t	- 0.70	6.19
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	87.31	92.22t	- 0.28	6.19
Nth America	247.20	263.00t	- 1.50	....
Far East	361.50	384.60t	- 2.50	....
Europe	261.80	278.60t	- 2.90	0.82
Brit Excell	68.60	72.98	- 0.50	3.11
Brit Fndmtls Acc	96.53	102.70t	- 0.40	4.97
Brit Fndmtls Inc	70.83	75.36t	- 0.27	4.97
Global Opps	81.15	86.34	- 0.79	0.21
Balanced Acc	52.49	55.85t	- 0.30	2.98
Balanced Inc	51.41	54.70t	- 0.31	2.99
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
80 Hendon Lane Rd, Bournemouth 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	126.70	134.40t	- 0.60	5.95
High Inc Equity	155.60	166.40t	- 0.80	4.73
Worldwide Bond	257.20	273.50	- 1.30	3.84
Capital Growth				
American Growth	272.10	290.50	- 1.60	.78
Asian Pacific	341.80	363.60	- 2.40	....
Assets & Earnings	252.40	268.50	- 0.60	2.65
Comdty & Energy	120.90	128.60	- 0.20	.22
Euro Capital Inc	128.30	137.20	- 1.50	.71
General	218.00	231.90	- 0.60	2.35
Japan	129.90	138.20	- 0.90	....
Mastermax	138.40	148.20	- 0.70	1.16
UK Growth Dist	161.30	124.40t	....	2.35
US Emerging Cos	125.00	133.70	- 0.40	....
Income & Growth	371.40	395.10	- 1.40	3.16
Ethical	67.02	71.31	- 0.16	2.71
International	116.60	124.00	- 0.50	1.34
Dividend & Growth	59.02	63.79	- 0.28	4.48
Global Gwth & Sec	65.82	70.21	- 0.19	2.36
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
14 Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7NS 031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£10.73	£10.82	....	....
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0800 833 500				
Aberdeen Portfolio	58.88	60.02	- 0.42	0.82
Amer Inc & Growth	41.83	43.94t	- 0.30	0.71
Cash	50.23	50.23t	- 0.01	4.46
European	105.00	111.60	- 1.00	....
Exempt	110.44t	117.44t	- 1.00	1.77
Extra Income	49.44	52.09t	- 0.10	4.49
Far East Emg Ecn	117.70	126.70	- 0.20	0.50
Fixed Interest	21.89	23.36t	+ 0.02	7.96
Fund Inv Tst	175.90	187.30t	- 0.50	0.89
Japan	188.30	200.60	- 0.70	....
Latin American	76.38	81.54	- 0.47	0.59
Pacific	73.99	78.99	- 0.24	....
Property Share	64.22	68.60	- 0.19	1.97
UK Emerging Cos	64.87	69.25	- 0.41	1.85
UK Growth	43.02	46.49t	- 0.21	2.52
World Growth	72.01	76.86	- 0.47	0.70
Ethical	59.88	63.92	- 0.04	2.74
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	49.17	49.17t	- 0.08	6.65
For Acuma Fds see United Friendly				
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
25 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 549 3552				
British Growth	66.96	71.23t	- 0.24	2.72
British Income	77.68	82.64t	- 0.22	3.44
Select Portfolio	86.11	91.61t	- 0.37	....
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR 0452 305 958				
Amity Income	73.38	77.98t	- 0.07	2.57
Income Builder Inc	65.76	69.96	- 0.15	3.02
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL. IFA dlg: 0793 618 306 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	220.00	235.10t	- 2.10	3.48
Capital	391.30	418.20t	- 1.50	1.85
Balanced	656.60	701.90	- 4.70	2.84
Accumulation	611.89	612.71t	- 9.00	3.09
Income Trusts				
American Income	45.12	48.23	- 0.31	3.82
High Income	379.40	405.50t	- 2.30	3.81
Equity Income	215.20	230.00	- 1.20	3.72
High Yield	251.40	247.30t	- 6.30	3.80
Govt Securities	31.97	33.74t	- 0.11	5.39
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	133.40	142.60t	- 0.50	0.42
European Growth	34.17	36.40	- 0.26	0.08
International	157.20	167.90t	- 1.40	0.23
Japan	230.50	237.30	- 0.90	0.01
Pacific	414.30	442.80	- 3.00	0.02
Secs of America	392.80	417.80	- 1.50	0.45
Wwide Asset Val	47.34	50.60	- 0.44	0.20
Specialist Trusts				
Assets Value	499.70	534.10	- 3.90	2.43
Conv & Gilt	43.10	46.07	- 0.07	4.75
Smaller Cos	161.50	172.60	....	1.31
2nd Smaller Cos	152.80	163.30t	+ 0.10	1.25
Recovery	130.60	139.60t	+ 0.80	1.47
Met Min & Oldy	152.70	163.30	- 1.30	0.89
Oseas Earnings	334.00	357.00	- 2.70	2.06
Technology	153.60	164.10t	- 0.90	0.01
UK Special Sits	425.90	455.30	- 2.50	1.99
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911				
Cntrnd Out Pens	90.45	100.20t	....	1.45
Foundtn Pens Pens	61.36	63.75t	....	4.00
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
77 South Audley St. London W1Y 6DX 0171 629 9093				
Capital	67.91	72.24	- 0.91	1.83
International	61.00	64.89	- 1.21	....
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY 031 222 4262				
America	274.40	295.40t	- 1.80	....
Bond	106.80	112.40t	- 0.60	7.49
Brit Smlr Cos	96.82	103.00	+ 0.10	1.37
Conv & Gen	64.50	68.84	- 0.31	5.46
Energy	419.70	448.20	- 4.00	0.22
Europe	220.60	235.10	- 2.90	0.47
Euro Smlr Cos	102.10	109.20	- 1.20	0.86
Income Gwth	327.20	349.20t	- 4.10	4.51
Japan	337.40	358.40t	- 3.60	....
Pacific	107.00	113.80	- 0.70	0.75
UK Smlr Cos	50.45	53.67	+ 0.06	0.92
Japan Fd	766.20	789.00	- 3.80	....
Mngd Fd	165.60	176.20t	- 1.50	3.00
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
36 Queen St. London EC4R 1BN 071 499 8873				
Brit & Overs	276.20	290.80	....	1.28
Capital Gwth	109.40	115.20	....	2.32
Wwide Opps	180.40	189.90	....	0.42
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Barr Inv Fd Inc	330.30	343.90t	- 1.70	2.90
European Bd Inc	88.67	91.78	- 0.07	8.07
Exempt	70.52	75.23t	- 0.41	4.39
Financial	70.61	75.52	+ 0.15	2.75
SOO.0	433.30	463.40	- 1.0	2.36
Unicorn	281.50	279.70t	- 1.0	2.67
Property	251.00	268.50		5.94
Trustee	174.80	187.00	- 0.70	2.38
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.20	100.20t	....	4.62
Extra Income	111.80	119.50t	- 0.50	4.14
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.83	57.70	- 0.13	6.85
Income	506.40	541.70	- 1.60	4.14
Income Builder	60.98	64.88t	- 0.14	4.85
Intl Income	62.02	65.98	- 0.39	3.60
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	112.40	119.90	- 0.40	2.67
Leisure	116.10	124.20	- 0.10	1.27
Recovery	397.30	425.30t	- 2.80	2.47
Smlr Cos Inc	41.45	44.45	+ 0.03	1.86
Special Sits	266.30	284.90	- 1.50	1.58
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	121.40	129.80	- 0.60	0.68
Aust Acc	240.20	256.50	- 1.30	2.06
Aust Inc	149.30	158.90	- 0.20	2.09
Euro Gwth Inc	145.70	154.60	- 1.90	0.61
Japan & Gen Inc	188.70	199.80	- 1.50	....
Japan Spec Sits	87.80	93.07	- 0.20	....
Univ Tech Inc	78.52	83.91	- 0.50	0.31
Worldwide	168.60	179.00	- 1.0	0.59
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Growth	87.08	92.54	- 0.51	....
Amer Smlr Cos	135.50	144.40	- 1.20	....
Cash Trust	50.17	50.17	....	4.10
Convertibles	54.80	58.60t	....	5.40
Eastern	207.60	310.10	- 2.60	0.10
Equity Income	86.62	92.14	- 0.33	5.00
European Growth	282.60	299.90	- 2.50	1.00
Europe	212.40	226.40	- 1.20	0.60
German Growth	69.75	74.13	- 0.13	0.10
Global Bond	61.16	64.45	- 0.16	5.90
Global Growth	121.40	129.60	- 0.80	....
Japan Growth	210.10	224.30	- 0.60	....
Japan Sunrise	187.70	199.80	- 0.30	....
Korea Trust	87.48	97.97	- 2.33	....
Portfolio	128.40	137.50	- 0.50	1.60
UK Growth	83.08	88.38	- 0.37	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	85.63	91.58t	- 0.18	1.50
Select Managers	72.46	77.61	- 0.42	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL 071 250 3000				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	76.69	81.59	....	....
Special Oppor Inc	56.12	59.70	....	....
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD				
5 Gilthspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441				
Special Sits	166.80	180.50	- 0.20	1.46
Dividend	21.78	23.16	- 0.10	3.84
Int Gth & Inc	305.90	320.20	- 2.20	3.14
UK & Gen	42.42	45.37	- 0.40	1.49
Fund of Funds	64.00	68.45t	- 0.25	....
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR 041 225 6020				
Balanced Growth	101.09	106.07t	- 0.40	1.78
Smaller Cos	100.72	106.58	+ 0.10	1.33
Higher Yield	43.14	45.65t	- 0.09	3.65
American Gth Inc	67.41	71.32	- 0.63	....
European Growth	131.27	138.91t	- 1.06	0.05
Global Bond Inc	25.97	27.43	- 0.12	6.52
Mngd Pfolio Inc	41.11	43.49t	- 0.28	1.09
Ins Spec Opps	115.23	121.93	- 0.71	0.44
Pacific Gwth	133.51	141.28	- 0.30	....
Formerly LAS				
UK General	72.22	77.48	- 0.35	2.09
Japan	66.56	70.44	- 0.24	....
Gilt & Fixed Int	93.44	98.35	- 0.39	6.29
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
117 Fenchurch St. London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	64.03	64.86	- 0.13	6.57
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 9060				
Environ	146.90	156.30	- 0.60	1.67
UK Growth	159.10	169.30	- 0.50	2.20
UK Income	125.70	133.80t	- 0.30	4.51
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	179.30	190.00	- 1.10	2.08
do- Income Dist	101.90	108.10t	- 0.30	4.63
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.97	41.20	- 0.17	6.60
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGRS LTD				
35 Fenchurch Street, Manchester M2 2AF 061 236 5685 Emg: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	143.70	152.80t	- 0.40	....
European Inc	75.29	79.87	- 0.65	0.39
Smaller Cos (4-11	77.60	82.65t	+ 0.08	1.40
Growth	400.80	426.40t	- 1.10	2.37
Income & Growth	368.50	413.30	- 1.50	4.02

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Japan & Gen	78.77	81.53	- 0.47	....
Master Portfolio	£100.01	£105.00t	+41.00	1.97
Special Sits	91.83	97.70	- 1.17	2.35
High Yield	£12.71	£13.11	- 5.00	4.43
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS				
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh 031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 584				
American Gwth Tst	34.02	36.38t	- 0.53	0.28
Cash Income	50.59	50.59	....	5.09
European Gwth	38.62	41.16	- 0.44	0.15
Income & Gwth Inc	26.19	28.01t	+ 0.12	4.42
Intnl Gwth	30.23	32.33	- 0.21	0.13
Japan Gwth	28.80	30.80	- 0.08	....
Managed Tst Inc	46.77	50.02	- 0.41	1.02
Oriental Opps Inc	145.40	155.50	- 1.60	....
Property Shares	36.11	38.62	- 2.12	0.65
Smaller Cos	29.63	31.68t	- 0.31	1.61
UK Growth Tst	24.70	26.41	+ 0.02	2.36
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	70.54	75.44	- 0.51	1.38
Cap Hse UK Inc	65.70	70.26	- 0.52	2.49
Exempt (R)	29.84	30.70	....	1.76
Formerly Brown Shipley				
Financial	136.90	146.40	- 2.70	1.69
Foundation	88.23	94.36t	- 0.24	2.37
German	50.04	53.27	- 0.28	....
High Income	71.78	76.76t	- 0.35	5.73
Mngd Pfolio Inc	101.70	108.70	....	1.07
Mngd Pfolio Acc	194.40	207.90	....	1.07
Monthly Income	79.71	85.25	+ 1.51	4.14
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	80.00	85.33	- 0.25	2.37
American Portfolio	84.22	89.73	- 0.51	1.34
European Portfolio	92.19	98.10t	- 0.58	0.90
Japanese Portfolio	69.24	73.60	- 0.32	....
Pacific Portfolio	140.61	151.20	- 0.80	0.76
UK Inc & Growth	72.40	77.61t	- 0.08	3.68
Utility & Bond	95.04	55.60	+ 0.02	6.13
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5988				
UK General Tst	62.89	66.90	- 0.39	2.99
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
101 Farringdon Rd. London EC1R 3AD 071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	129.24	140.71	....	....
UK Income	105.60	115.56	....	5.202
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	70.87	75.27t	- 0.03	2.22
Beck Bio-Tech	26.35	29.35	....	....
Acorn Ethical Tst	146.95	154.68	....	1.31
City Fin Assets	67.87	72.20t	....	....
City Fin Emerics	78.76	82.90	- 1.17	1.08
City Fin Intl	76.86	80.91t	- 0.24	0.49
City Fin Japan	172.99	182.07	- 2.02	....
Finans Hse Cap	261.40	282.63	....	1.51
Finans Hse Inc	198.60	214.70	....	1.51
Barclay Mid Cap Gth	132.92	141.40t	+ 0.44	0.08
Fairmnt Cap Gth	139.75	147.11	....	....
-do- Inc & Gth	107.43	113.08	....	1.59
Fairmount Intl	157.18	165.45	....	....
City Fin Pfflo Inc	54.22	57.68	....	4.26
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144				
Emerging Markets	57.29	60.79	- 0.40	....
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	91.96	98.57	- 0.45	....
Atlas Mngd Gwth	35.94	38.44	- 0.22	0.22
Dragon Growth	70.21	75.09	- 0.75	0.21
Equity High Inc	79.09	84.14	- 0.48	3.95
European Gwth	48.55	51.65	- 0.34	0.88
Evergreen	29.34	30.50	- 0.12	....
General Equity	79.04	83.86	- 0.56	2.65
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.72	24.95t	- 0.14	8.31
Japan Growth	54.45	58.24	- 0.25	....
Pedigree Gwth	48.22	51.30	- 0.33	2.68
Ped Sm Cos Inc	30.12	32.04	- 0.06	1.08
Retirement Inc	25.02	26.70	- 0.13	5.59
Special Sits	36.18	38.69	- 0.21	1.88
UK & Overseas	46.75	49.73	- 0.35	1.13
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY 0634 898 000				
Capital	63.50	67.91	- 0.42	2.34
Income	57.65	61.65	- 0.28	4.28
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	152.19	161.90t	- 0.38	5.54
Fixed & Convertible	38.69	41.16t	- 0.07	7.65
Monthly Inc Plus	46.77	49.76	- 0.01	9.00
Preference Share	44.82	47.68t	- 0.03	7.69
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	121.49	129.24t	- 2.53	7.23
Managed Fund	64.63	68.76t	- 0.44	2.58
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	38.43	40.88	- 0.13	1.66
UK & General	75.43	80.24t	+ 0.60	3.39
UK Growth	133.02	141.51	- 0.85	2.41
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	181.76	193.38	- 1.25	0.26
Far Eastern Gth	136.50	145.21	- 0.81	....
Global Bond	75.57	80.32t	- 0.23	6.51
Japan Growth	128.73	136.95	- 0.16	....
North Amer Gwth	149.19	158.71	- 0.57	....
Oriental Growth	78.43	83.44	- 0.52	....
Worldwide Growth	61.63	65.59	- 0.48	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.60	91.60	+ 0.01	4.66
Homemaker Fund	74.94	79.72	- 0.46	1.89
Quilter Fund	124.04	131.96	- 0.76	2.97
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	55.96	59.53	- 0.42	3.00
High Income	32.09	34.13t	- 0.18	4.90
Japan	37.23	39.60	- 0.02	....
Smaller Cos Inc	30.02	31.93	- 0.02	2.40
Smaller Cos	31.49	33.49	- 0.02	2.40
North American	31.51	33.52	- 0.19	0.40
European	35.34	37.59	- 0.42	0.50
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	29.81	31.97	....	3.38
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 288				
Growth	137.80	146.60	- 0.20	3.00
Income	68.42	72.79	- 0.51	5.08
European	58.74	62.49	- 0.57	0.95
Recovery	142.90	152.10	+ 0.60	1.83
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	801.30	815.00t	....	3.93
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	67.49	71.79t	- 0.07	1.36
Income	224.50	238.80t	- 0.70	4.87
Smaller Cos	144.60	153.60	....	0.87
Inv Portfolio	75.91	80.75	- 0.13	1.48
High Income Port	65.45	69.62	- 0.21	4.98
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS 071 470 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.11	£15.68	..	..
Japan Small Cos	£13.03	£13.29	..	....
UK Small Cos	£17.27	£18.02	..	....
US Small Cos	£15.65	£16.11	..	....
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
60 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BU, 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	199.60	210.20	....	2.72
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
25, Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2580				
European Gwth	261.80	277.00	- 2.90	1.01
New Asia	218.40	233.20t	- 1.30	....
Japan Growth	138.00	136.30t	- 0.10	....
Jap Smlr Co	539.20	573.20	- 1.20	....
N/D Amer	226.20	250.40	- 0.90	....
Shlfld Asia Pac Mt	123.00	134.00	- 0.50	0.35
UK Inc & Grth	202.90	216.70t	- 0.80	2.78
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	135.30	143.90	- 0.40	1.86
UK High Inc Inc	145.20	154.50	- 0.40	4.66
UK Pref & F I Inc	56.57	60.05	- 0.22	8.22
Envrnmntl Opps	80.47	85.61	- 0.15	1.10
EDINBURGH UT TST MGRS LTD				
37 Hanover Street, Edinburgh 0345 090 526				
American	134.70	121.70	- 0.50	1.44
Convertibles	20.36	21.63t	- 0.07	6.93
Equity Income	121.10	128.70t	- 0.90	4.12
EuroFund	43.11	45.69	- 0.60	0.44
Financial	44.39	47.16t	- 0.25	1.70
Growth & Inc	222.00	235.90	- 2.10	3.26
High Dist	148.50	157.80	- 1.40	4.75
International	392.40	416.90	- 2.60	0.12
Int Cap Inc	93.39	99.59t	- 0.29	3.01
Latin American	69.04	32.11	- 0.43	....
Pacific	89.23	94.81t	- 0.66	....
Preference Share	21.62	22.76t	- 0.07	7.25
Tokyo	241.00	255.60t	- 1.90	....
UK Smaller Cos	214.10	227.30	- 0.40	1.21
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
29 Ely Place, London EC1N 6RL 071 242 0282				
Elcon Trust	207.74	222.08	+ 3.33	0.99
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	199.20	211.90t	....	0.51
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN 0296 431 459				
European	73.70	79.68	- 0.90	1.72
Ethical Tst	44.06	46.38	- 0.13	1.25
Far Eastern	306.16	322.27	- 1.28	1.64
High Income	128.10	134.84	- 0.68	4.78
Intl Growth	117.30	123.47	- 0.31	1.34
North American	103.59	109.04t	- 0.64	1.19
Pelican	110.97	116.81t	- 0.64	3.30
Smaller Cos	68.69	72.30	- 0.12	2.31
Special Sits	98.16	90.69t	- 0.04	3.41
Tst of Inv Tsts	181.57	191.13	- 0.78	1.66
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	204.56	213.08t	- 1.20	1.40
Smaller Cos Acc	358.01	372.93t	- 2.08	1.40
Recovery	143.28	149.25t	- 0.28	1.19
Recovery Acc	32.37	34.55	- 0.27	1.19
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB 0392 412 144				
Balanced	106.72	113.53	+ 0.14	5.97
Capital Growth	80.93	86.79t	+ 0.57	....
Fd of Inv Tsts	44.45	47.41	+ 037	0.61
High Income	44.14	47.30t	+ 0.19	9.73
Warrant	38.58	63.64t	+ 0.16	....
Zero Preference	34.68	39.80	....	....
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	73.40	78.08t	- 0.09	2.43
Family Income Tst	47.30	47.30t	- 0.11	5.64
Family Trust	84.52	89.91t	....	1.06
United Charities	253.50	269.60t	- 0.20	2.70
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
130 Tonbridge Rd. Tonbridge TN11 9DZ Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161 Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	....	4.60
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.35	26.59t	- 0.02	8.06
Intl Bond	26.94	27.97	- 0.01	5.63
Income Funds				
High Income	24.92	26.22t	- 0.12	5.36
Income Plus	116.80	117.90	+ 0.60	3.73
Amer Eq Inc	44.65	47.28	- 0.29	1.04
European Income	41.38	44.00	- 0.26	2.16
Far East Inc	61.37	65.34	- 0.21	2.37
Global Convertible	22.19	23.67t	- 0.02	3.77

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Div Gnth	23.15	24.62	- 0.06	1.26
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	66.24	70.66t	- 0.61	....
American	222.20	295.80	- 0.50	....
Amer Spec Sits	107.80	115.00	- 0.50	....
Japan Smaller Cos	43.50	46.41	- 0.06	....
European	160.10	170.30t	- 1.00	....
European Opps	60.96	64.82	- 0.38	....
Global Priv	23.89	25.41	- 0.11	1.41
UK Growth	85.18	91.64	- 0.10	....
Growth & Inc	148.40	149.30	- 0.20	2.61
Intl PEP	35.30	37.54	- 0.11	....
Japan Spec Sits	98.11	105.30	- 0.10	....
Japan	203.60	217.40	- 0.50	....
Managed Intl	265.50	282.80	- 1.10	....
Moneybuilder	51.37	55.16	- 0.18	....
Recovery	46.69	49.65	- 0.05	....
South E Asia	150.70	160.80

Gilts and shares retreat further

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
523	380½	Abbey Ntl	404	-7	...	4.8	7.6
314	233	Allied Irish	265	-6	...	5.1	9.4
228½	173	Aus New Z	177	+4	...	5.1	27.8
3300	2637½	BankAmerica	2787½	-6½	...	...	...
319	246	Bk of Ireland	270	-8	...	4.7	8.1
247	172½	Bank Scotland	203 †	-7	...	3.3	11.4
640	487	Barclays	557	+3	...	3.7	12.1
37	13¼	Carlisle	24½	...	...	...	...
690½	445	Cater Allen	481	-11	...	7.5	...
134¼	126¼	Castles	127½	-2½	...	7.3	9.9
2628½	1543¼	Chase Manh	2209½	-49½	...	4.8	14.3
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2225	+62½	...	...	...
285½	203	Close Bros	238	...	...	...	...
£150¼	£121¼	Commerzbk	£132½	-156¼	...	3.9	—
£344¼	£270¼	Deutsche Bk	£299½	+467½	...	6.2	...
90	60	First Nat Fin	69½	...	...	2.3	...
1549½	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1357½	-1½	...	2.7	...
515	395	Gerrard Nat	457	+1½	...	0.4	—
1113	660	HSBC	715	-4	22.0	6.0	13.2
1133	680	HSBC HK	719	-2	...	4.3	10.4
473	221	Hambros	231	-3	...	4.3	10.4
443	400	Joseph (L)	415	+3	...	8.1	9.5
170	106	King Shaxson	115	...	...	5.2	12.2
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	465	...	...	9.8	11.4
660	519	Lloyds	566	+4	...	5.2	8.2
119	95	Lon Scot Bk	116	-10	...	5.8	10.9
620½	472	Nat Aust Bk	479	-3	...	3.8	17.6
622	421	Nat West	498	+7	...	5.6	10.5
573	415	Provident	528 †	-3	...	4.9	9.3
79	53	Rea Bros	61	+1	...	4.2	16.8
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	427	...	...	1.9	17.1
1574	1050	Schroders	1349 †	-4	...	3.5	19.3
350½	223	Stand Chart	269 †	-4	...	1.7	12.4
291	197	TSB	219	-6	...	3.0	9.2
199	102	Union	103	-1	...	4.6	11.0
1012	580	Warburg SG	644	-1	...	5.5	9.5
£105	8612¼	Wells Fargo	9296½	+10	...	4.3	7.8
260	194	Westpac	215	-37½	...	2.0	...
390	225	Wintrust	228	-13	...	2.5	—
						5.7	15.0

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied Domecq	592	-1	...	4.7	14.5
619	485	Bass	536	-1	...	4.9	14.0
299	250	Boddington	256 †	+2	...	4.1	13.8
459	359	Bulmer (HP)	419	...	...	3.2	24.1
196	168	Burtonwd Brw	187	...	...	3.3	15.6
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	164	...	...	2.8	22.7
66	46½	Fosters Brewing	56	...	...	4.9	—
493	380	Fuller Sm 'A'	380	+1	...	2.6	15.7
506	375	Grand Met	416	-5	...	4.0	18.1
511	399	Greenalls Grp	415	-1	...	3.8	15.9
584	452	Greene King	523	...	...	3.1	14.6
542	428	Guinness	463 †	+2	...	3.5	15.2
265	239	Hardy Hanson	264	...	...	4.2	13.5
170	135	Heavitree	150	...	...	3.4	11.5
457	353	Highland Dist	420	...	...	3.2	18.9
3773	3125	Holt J	3650 †	...	...	1.7	20.5
222	127	Macallan-Glen	220 †	-1	...	0.7	57.7
695	365	Mansn Mrtn 'A'	685	...	...	1.8	28.2
246	195	Mansfield	233	...	...	2.4	14.3
314	256	Marston Thmp	307	...	...	2.4	15.0
646	548	Matthew Clark	585	...	...	4.1	13.0
250	113	Maydws W	114	...	...	2.7	...
545	463	Morland	518	...	...	2.4	17.3
10½	7¾	Paramount	8 †	-2	...	3.1	—
224	209	Regent Inns	261 †	...	...	2.6	—
1521½	1000	SA Breweries	1359½	+19½	...	2.0	22.1
591	477	Scot & New	508	+4	...	4.2	15.1
190	142	Tomson Cider	161	...	...	5.1	12.3
306	226	Vaux Group	237	-1	...	5.1	15.3
421	324½	Wetherspoon JD	413	-1	...	2.0	—
617	494	Whitbread	541	...	...	4.3	15.7
589	493	Wolvrhmptn D	526	-2	...	3.1	14.2
180	148	Yates Bros	166	...	...	2.3	20.5
535	483	Young 'A'	498	-2	...	3.8	19.1

BUILDING, ROADS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	136	Abbey	150	...	...	4.4	10.9
27	12	Albrighton	16	...	...	3.9	15.9
200	148	Allen	169	...	...	3.9	20.0
164	99	Amec	101 †	+1	...	3.2	58.3
454	333	Ashtead	450	+2	...	1.5	28.5
165	107	Atwoods	112	...	...	5.6	...
363	274	BPB Ind	314	...	...	3.2	21.2
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	128	...	...	3.1	24.2
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	35	...	...	2.5	21.4
88	18½	Barcom	35	...	...	6.2	4.2
60	38	Bardon	38 †	...	...	0.6	...
292	161	Barratt Devs	175 †	...	...	4.3	—
169	122½	Beazer Homes	133 †	-1	...	5.1	10.5
304	179	Bellway	196	...	...	4.0	18.4
59	40	Bellwinch	40½	...	...	...	35.6
244	125	Beristord Intl	194	-1	...	...	...
573	383	Berkeley Gp	383	-4	...	2.3	15.9
215	118	Bett Bros	174	-1	...	2.0	8.7
93	60	Blockleys	66 †	...	...	1.7	...
391	262	Blue Circle	289 †	-1	...	4.9	20.5
335	250	Boot (Henry)	250	...	...	3.3	12.6
84	35	Brandon Hire	71 †	+1	...	2.6	—
117	77	Breedon PLC	93 †	...	...	6.2	26.6
154	130	Br Dredging	137	...	...	5.2	16.2
99	78	Brit Fittings	90 †	...	...	3.1	...
197½	120	Bryant	126 †	-3	...	5.0	14.2
145½	111½	CALA	118 †	...	...	3.0	16.3
409	321	CRH	359	-4	...	2.7	18.3
70	31	Calcdnd Rby	43	...	...	...	...
42	20½	Costain	23	...	...	...	...
185	123	Countryside	128	-1	...	4.0	28.4
120	82	Crest Nicholson	85	...	...	2.4	15.8
140	100	Cussins	108 †	...	...	3.9	13.0
30	19	Edmond Hldgs	21 †	...	...	1.8	...
350	273	Epwin	312 †	-1	...	3.1	18.8
82	57	Erith	69 †	...	...	2.5	28.8
473	328	Eve Group	328	...	...	4.2	13.4
60	27	Galliford	30 †	...	...	4.2	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	94	...	...	3.6	...
1028	833	Gleeson (MJ)	840	+2	...	1.6	14.7
218	168	Graham Grp	169 †	-3	...	3.4	16.1
169	139	Hewden-Stuart	152 †	...	...	2.4	17.5
82	45	Hewetson	77	+4	...	2.0	...
473	286	Heywd Wm	286 †	-4	...	5.9	16.1
144	96	Higgs & Hill	94 †	-2	...	3.3	...
41	27	How Gp	37 †	...	...	2.5	...
32	30	Howard Hldgs	24	...	...	4.2	22.4
100	67	Ibstock	79 †	...	...	1.6	...
25	6	Jarvis	9½	...	...	...	...
138	104	Keller	115 †	...	...	4.2	13.1
428	294	Laing (J)	316	+3	...	4.8	21.1
104	90½	Laing 6¼% Cv Pf	95½	...	...	8.4	...
145	115	Lon Clydeside	125	...	...	4.8	17.3
173	63	Lovell (YJ)	69	+3	...	...	...
405	302	Manders	310 †	-3	...	4.0	15.0
217½	130	Marley	136 †	...	...	3.9	16.1
155	120	Marshalls	143	...	...	3.7	17.5
253	196	Maunders (J)	222	...	...	3.1	—
321	186	Mcalpine (A)	202 †	-6	...	4.0	29.6
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	57	...	...	1.1	...
560	359	Meyer Int	388	-10	...	3.5	16.3
189½	94	Mowlem (J)	108	...	...	2.5	...
202½	96	NSM	105	...	...	...	12.1
196	146	Newman Tnks	157 †	-2	...	5.1	19.8
379½	216	Persimmon	221	-1	...	3.2	16.6
20	9	Phoenix Timber	13	...	...	...	...
1800	1450	Pochins	1631¼	...	...	2.5	—
198	128	Prowting	131	...	...	3.2	40.3
1079	805	RMC Gp	977 †	+9	...	2.7	20.2
116	53	Raine Ind	57 †	-1	...	6.6	—
40	21	Ramus	21	...	...	...	...
640	466	Redland	471 †	-4	...	6.6	21.8
108	70	Roskel	98 †	...	4.3	5.5	...
185½	117	Rugby Group	121 †	-1	...	3.6	15.2
288	222	SIG	247 †	-2	...	2.8	19.8
61	50	Secure Retire	51	...	...	...	...
67	50	Svrfd-Rve	63 †	...	0.7	1.5	29.6
200	155	Sharpe & Fisher	175 †	...	...	3.1	12.8
365	223	Sheriff Hldgs	365	...	...	1.5	24.3
161	94	Shorco	161	...	...	4.3	15.0
345	195	Smart (J)	233	...	...	4.6	20.1
5	1	Starmin	1½	...	...	...	...
206	121	Tarmac	127 †	...	...	5.4	...
257	151	Tay Homes	180 †	-1	...	4.5	—
183	116	Taylor Woodrw	116 †	-1	...	1.8	28.3
760	538	Tilbury Dougls	580 †	-3	...	7.4	42.9
60	36	Torex Hire	56	...	...	2.0	28.2
370	274	Travis Perkins	298 †	+3	...	3.5	18.4
29½	15	Trencherwood	18	+1	...	...	...
40½	23	Try Group	25 †	...	...	2.5	...
28	21	Tudor	24	...	...	1.3	...
114	90	Vibroplant	114	...	...	3.9	30.1
170	123½	Wainhomes	129	...	...	4.1	13.9
74	48	Ward Hldgs	60	...	...	1.0	...
63	33	Waterhouse	53	-2	...	...	...
545	450	Watts Blake	538 †	...	...	2.9	20.3
225½	148	Westbury	159	-1	...	4.1	17.7
7	3½	Wiggins	6¼	-¼	...	...	...
571	332	Wilson Bowdn	353 †	...	...	3.4	15.7
259	171	Wilson (C)	183 †	-4	...	2.9	15.2
249	132	Wimpey G	144 †	+1	...	4.6	21.5
30	16	YRM	16	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	583	ADT	708	...	...	...	...
478	253	Adams & Harvey	478	+3	...	3.9	6.6
83	58	Air London	65	...	...	6.7	14.2
62	44	African Lakes	57	...	...	1.1	...
140	71	Auto Sec	71	-12	...	...	9.2
162	99	BET Ord	104½	-2	...	3.9	17.4
195	115	BNB Res	187	...	...	3.4	21.6
255	175	BPP	213 †	-1	...	5.2	15.2
186	133	BSM	134 †	...	...	6.0	11.6
235	184	Barbour Index	184	...	...	5.8	—
1¼	0½	Black & Edg	1	...	...	...	...
226	159	Brit Data Mgt	178 †	-4	...	3.8	—
31	22	Broadcastle	26	...	...	4.8	12.4
79	58	Brooks Service	60	...	...	3.7	...
117½	87	CRT Gp	98	...	...	4.5	22.1
238	158	Capita Group	162	-1	...	2.2	20.6
59	28½	Casket Plc	39½	-1	...	4.7	10.0
3¼	...	Chiltern Capital	2¼	...	...	...	...
85	40	Christie	40	...	...	...	...
423	292	Chubb Sec	337	-2	...	2.5	19.5
65	41	Corp Services	60	...	...	0.5	22.6
97	48	Coutts Cnsltg	55	+3	...	0.9	...
179	140	Dart	164	-2	...	2.8	17.5
276	212	Davis Service	230 †	...	...	4.4	15.4
154	96	EW Fact	96 †	...	...	6.4	7.2
34	18	Gardiner	19½	...	...	5.1	8.7
334	261	Hays	282 †	-2	...	2.7	19.2
289	220	Hogg Robinson	223	-2	...	4.0	15.6
39	16	Holmes Protectn	23	...	...	...	1.4
365½	240	Hunn Wasmp	260½	-8½	...	2.0	19.6
2696½	1728½	ISS B DKr	1840½	-3½	...	5.7	20
609	395	Inchcape	433 †	-2	...	4.3	14.4
165	138	JBA Hldgs	142 †	...	...	2.1	14.4
414	254	Johnson Clean	256	...	...	5.3	10.4
9	4	Lep	5½	...	...	...	...
194	141½	Mitie Gp	187	...	...	1.5	21.9
1865½	1150½	Manpower	1790½	-18½	...	0.7	...
115	65	Michael Page	112 †	...	...	3.6	27.5
143	90	Parity	135	...	...	2.1	35.3
115	83	Pennis	84	...	...	8.0	...
89½	60½	Proudfoot	67 †	...	...	6.5	11.5
415	290	RCO	305	...	...	6.2	10.6
132	97	REA	132	...	...	5.7	27.3
177	101	Reed Executive	167	...	1.0	0.7	...
153	105	Reliance Sec	150	...	...	3.9	—
279	199½	Rentokil	232 †	...	...	1.6	23.9
195	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	187	...	...	2.7	29.1
392	243	Salvesen (C)	264	+5	...	3.8	13.8
68	43	Scott Pickford	58	-1	...	1.9	—
17½	9	Select App	14	...	...	...	...
307	243	Serco Gp	288 †	...	...	1.6	26.2
130	75	Sherwd Cmp	105	-2	...	...	...
139	93	Sketchley	99	...	...	4.0	15.5
146	100	Unipalm	108	...	...	2.8	15.5
338	325	Warner Howrd	327	...	...	3.1	11.2
30½	19	Wills Gp	20 †	...	...	...	...

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
150¼	115½	Allied Colloids	137	-3	...	2.1	22.0
1141	910	Amersham	983	-1	...	2.0	20.6
3½	1¼	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£140¼	£106¼	BASF DM	£129¾	-46½	...	7.3	...
373	280	BTP	297	-1	...	4.2	18.8
£161¼	£129¼	Bayer DM50	£146¼	+65½	...	6.2	...
171	97	Blagden	118	-1	...	1.6	55.2
131	98	Brent Chem	110½	-1	...	4.3	...
583	311½	Brit Biotech	563	+5	...	...	17.4
13	5½	Caird Gp	6¼	...	...	...	...
199	153	Canning (W)	182 †	...	...	5.0	30.8
580	429	Courtaulds	442	-12	...	4.2	35.7
380	327	Croda	363 †	-2	...	2.0	15.6
143	95	Doeflex	136	...	...	4.3	15.2
283	225	Ellis & Everard	266	-1	...	3.6	19.7
62	35½	Euro Colour	61	...	...	2.4	21.8
391	327	Halstead (J)	336 †	-1	...	2.5	—
221	152	Hickson	152 †	...	...	6.6	13.0
£157¼	£108¼	Hoechst	£130¼	-968¼	...	5.7	...
250	159½	Holliday Chem	217	-1	...	2.5	17.7
968	728	ICI	822	+2	...	4.2	66.4
943	665	Laporte	714 †	-3	...	3.7	18.1
246	189	Leigh	189	-1	...	3.2	17.3
95	48	MTM	83	...	...	0.8	...
2500½	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2487½	+31½	...	1.3	—
425	428	Paterson Zch	454	+16	...	3.9	—
595	413	Paterson Zch 'A'	439	+18	...	4.0	—
250	174	Flynn	174	-3	...	5.0	24.9
349	265	Porvair	285 †	...	...	1.9	21.5
66	31	Sutcliffe Speak	37	-1	...	1.7	21.9
490	361	Wardle Storeys	418	...	...	5.2	21.6
823	570	Wolstnhlme R	783 †	...	...	3.0	16.3
420	380	Yorks Chem	394	-7	...	2.6	17.0
336	258	Yule Catto	289 †	-2	...	2.8	21.9
969	672	Zeneca	834 †	...	...	4.2	16.8

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	203	Allders	219	+1	...	3.5	16.3
410	307	Argos Plc	332 †	-2	...	3.1	17.5
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	69½	...	...	0.2	...
357	134	Asprey	135	...	...	5.6	6.7
246	176	Austin Reed	242 †	...	...	2.8	12.2
168	137	Beattie (J) 'A'	137 †	...	...	5.7	17.9
150	110	Bentalls	126 †	...	...	2.0	43.7
165	86	Betterware	94	...	...	6.6	5.7
48	35	Blacks Leis	35	...	...	8.0	...
264	195½	Body Shop	231	...	...	1.2	30.2
601	497	Boots	527	...	...	3.6	20.8
12½	2½	Bowen & Jacksn	3½	...	...	...	...
263	210	Brown (N)	238	-3	...	2.2	21.1
74½	51	Burton	67	+1½	...	3.7	...
345	153	Cantors	153 †	...	...	3.3	—
520	388	Church	500 †	...	...	3.2	25.5
171	96	Clinton Cards	101 †	...	...	5.8	14.7
287	194	Coats Viyella	205	-7	...	5.1	17.5
170	90	Cty Centre	90	...	...	6.0	4.5
909	720	Courts Furnish	730	...	...	1.0	32.2
230	155	Crown Eye	170	...	...	7.0	7.4
132	81½	Dairy Farm Intl	82	+½	...	4.3	11.7
143	97½	Dewhurst (J)	124	...	...	1.7	17.6
280	170	Dixons Grp	203	-2	...	4.1	21.3
11½	7½	ERA Gp	8½	...	...	...	...
11½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	5¼	...	...	2.8	...
580	530	Els (Wimbldn)	580	...	...	3.8	22.2
284	187	Essex Furn	165	+3	...	2.6	28.6
326	217	Etam	294	+4½	...	3.3	16.2
559	459	Fine Art Dev	459	-1	14.3	3.9	14.2
68	46	Fired Earth	67	...	...	...	...
155	136	Formminster	149	-1	...	2.7	—
278	124	French Conn	244	...	...	...	10.3
78	65	Gent SR	69 †	...	...	4.1	—
127	85	Goldsmiths Gp	123	+1	...	1.8	21.9
653	524	GUS	564 †	-3½	...	2.9	16.6
196	164	Hamleys	165	+1	...	3.6	15.7
31	21	Hampden Grp	23	...	...	5.4	66.2
70½	13½	Hartstone	15½	...	...	2.6	...
91	64	Honeysuckle	69	...	...	4.5	10.1
227	178	Hse of Fraser	202 †	-2	...	3.1	18.2
95	68½	Hughes (TJ)	80	-1	...	3.6	14.5
211	173	Jacques Vert	189	...	...	3.0	16.7
778	477	Kingfisher	488 †	-5	...	3.8	12.8
86	61	Leslie Wise Gp	67	...	...	7.5	14.1
435	335	Liberty	340 †	...	...	1.8	...
380	277	Lloyds Chem	323	+2	...	3.3	...
184	126	MFI	141	...	...	3.8	10.1
460½	380	Marks Spencr	423	...	...	3.5	17.6
680	507	Menzies (John)	510 †	...	...	2.7	19.7
343	278	Moss Bros	338	...	...	2.9	12.5
325	234	Next	247	+5	...	2.6	16.5
98	39	Oliver (G)	46	...	...	3.5	15.0
538	255	Ordinance Intl	265	...	...	...	29.7
35	12	Pentos	16½	...	...	4.9	12.0
286	168	QS Hldgs	168 †	...	...	...	...
62	22	Rhino Grp	23	...	...	3.9	18.4
209	140	Rosebys	140	...	...	2.7	21.9
180	92	Sherwood Gp	92 †	...	...	4.2	16.4
132	99½	Sears	108	+1	...	4.2	9.1
40	22	Signet Group	24	+½	...	4.3	18.4
549	427	Smith WH	450 †	-3	...	...	8.2
21	10	Specialeyes	10	...	...	4.3	23.2
252	189	Storehouse	218	+2	...	3.2	19.4
198	140	T & S Stores	161 †	-1	...	4.8	11.4
173	114	Tie Rack	122	...	...	1.8	14.5
285	215	Time Products	237	...	...	4.7	15.7
132	105	Usher (Frank)	119 †	...	...	7.4	9.1
539	384	Vendome	533	-4	...	1.3	41.0
44	34	Vivat	41	...	...	3.8	10.6
70	31	WEW Group	36	+1	...	2.1	26.5
108	42	Wensum	102 †	-1	...	3.5	14.9
129	88	Wickes	92 †	-1	...	1.8	20.7
93½	52	Wkd of Leather	79 †	-3	...	1.1	...
195	138	Wyevale	145 †	...	...	3.9	15.4

ELECTRICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	99	ACT Group	104	-1	...	6.3	9.7
296	268	Acal	284	...	...	3.0	17.8
650	478	Admiral	645	...	...	1.3	19.8
198	163	Alba	183 †	...	...	3.4	15.1
45	34	Alphameric	43	...	...	...	32.8
50	25½	Amstrad	27	-½	...	2.3	...
110	73	App Holo	103	...	...	...	...
39	24	Arlen	34	...	...	...	...
94½	78	Astec	84 †	+1	...	1.3	17.2
281	160	Atlan	180	...	...	2.3	12.9
283	239	Bailes Hunter	271	...	...	4.5	—
478	344	BICC	351 †	-2	...	6.9	22.1
536	411	Black	418	...	...	3.1	16.8
1100	637½	Borland	802½	...	...	...	...
380	289	Bowthorpe	304	-1	...	2.9	17.4
486	353½	BT	392	-4½	...	5.3	13.7
21½	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	19½	...	...	1.7	10.8
79	53	Burnfield	65 †	...	...	3.6	27.9
543	381	Cable Wireless	407	-8	...	2.5	17.3
39½	28	Chloride	29½	...	...	...	74.1
283	263	CML Micro	269	...	...	2.8	17.2
205	105	Comptr People	195	...	...	1.6	44.4
202	156	Cray Elect	179½	-3	...	1.6	—
457	412	Critchley	433	...	...	2.3	19.4
586	457	Delta	457 †	-3	...	4.0	19.6
603	446	Denmans El	598	...	...	1.4	16.7
560	400	Domino	524	...	...	2.0	22.5
78	65	Dowding Mills	64 †	...	...	5.0	23.4
1635	1220	Druck	1460	...	...	0.9	27.2
589	443	Electrocmpnts	471	-1	...	2.5	20.5
199½	135	El Data Prc	138	...	...	1.7	12.8
175	133	Electrn House	155 †	...	...	2.8	16.0
38½	21	Emess	32½	...	...	0.4	...
451	343	Eurotherm	388	...	...	1.6	22.9
212	162½	FKI	172½	...	...	2.7	19.9
650	502	Farnell Elect	520	-6	...	1.9	21.2
346	286	First Tech	335	...	...	1.3	19.3
283	195	Forward Gp	195	...	...	3.2	11.7
58	14½	Forward Tech	45	...	...	2.1	...
359½	269½	GEC	284	-3	...	4.8	14.3
191	119	Graseby	148 †	...	...	5.1	13.9
14½	10	Guiystone	13 †	+½	...	2.3	—
153	126	Ind Control	126 †	-2	...	3.0	—
338	288	Jones Stroud	348	...	...	3.2	16.6
145	97	Kalamazoo Cmp	125	+1	...	3.3	14.1
395	335	Kenwood App	380	+5	...	3.8	28.2
258	221	Kewill Sys	258	-1	...	2.4	71.1
165	38	Kode	60	...	...	8.3	...
35	18	Laser-Scan	20	...	...	...	...
145½	83	LBMS	103	...	...	...	...
171	107	Life Sciences	141 †	+4	...	3.6	14.0
322	266	Logica	299 †	...	...	2.1	—
58	45	LPA Ind	55	+1	...	3.6	...
216	110	MR Data Mngt	118 †	...	...	5.8	—
723	423	Macro 4	423 †	...	...	5.9	11.9
281	230	Memrk-Sw	265	...	...	2.0	20.6
1320	790	Micro Focus	838	+18	...	...	10.1
233	115	Microgen	115	...	...	7.9	11.5
45	31	Microvitec	37	-½	...	...	...
548½	425	Misys	426	...	...	2.4	—
494	185	Mitel	224	-1	...	...	...
283	143	MMT Cmptg	175	...	...	3.0	17.9
330	250	MTL Inst	320 †	...	...	1.2	19.3
148	109	Murray Ets	114½	...	...	2.2	...
2746½	2284½	NYNEX	2378½	-28½	...	...	...
128	56	Neotronics	56	...	...	5.8	12.1
68	48	Newmark (L)	48	...	...	...	...
438	279	Norbain	438	+9	...	0.6	21.8
100	47	Northamber	91	...	...	1.1	38.6
9½	4½	Oceonics	4½	...	...	...	...
31	24	Orbis	24	...	0.5	2.7	...
358	277	Oxford Inst	309	-3	...	2.0	18.2
84	60	P & P	71	...	...	3.9	17.6
98	74½	Peek	79	...	...	5.5	19.6
225	165	Pegasus	165 †	-1	...	3.8	16.6
£115	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£100	...	...	5.8	...
2125	1400	Philips Lmp NV	1996½	-43½	...	0.9	9.1
440	230	Phonelink	230	...	...	...	...
359	283	Pifco	335	-2	...	1.6	24.3
344	283	Pifco 'A' Vtg	335	...	...	1.7	23.0
140	70	Plasmec	126 †	...	...	3.7	...
129	100	Pressac	112	-1	...	2.9	22.9
303	181	Psion	294 †	...	...	1.4	17.8
261	187	Racal Elect	240	...	...	2.2	19.7
50	33	Radamec	49	...	...	4.9	13.2
48	27	Radius	41 †	...	...	1.1	...
169	73	Real Time	157	...	...	3.2	—
311	229	Roxboro	231 †	...	...	2.4	16.9
615	507	Sage Gp	605	...	...	2.1	18.3
94	77½	Sanderson Elec	81	...	...	4.4	...
89	37	Scantronic	77	-6	...	6.2	—
256	162	Scholes Grp	253	...	...	0.8	...
439	310	Sema Gp	435 †	+1	...	1.0	26.2
330	245	Servomex	266 †	-1	...	3.1	28.4
49	35	Silvermines	35	-1	...	2.9	20.8
94	63	Soundtracks	65	...	...	4.6	14.7
3225	2265½	TDX	2856½	-15½	...	1.1	—
19	11	TDS Circuits	11½	...	...	...	...
101	51	TGI	91	...	...	2.7	17.0
170	80	Telemetrix	89	-1	...	1.4	11.4
318	191	Telspec	316 †	...	...	1.0	38.2
1165	963	Thorn EMI	1007	-2	...	4.2	20.5
230	133	Thorpe FW	217 †	...	...	1.8	—
43	22	Total Systems	34	+2	...	...	35.3
303	215	Tunstall	251	...	...	1.8	18.0
361	256	Unitech	348	...	...	2.4	27.2
16	8½	Verity	9	...	...	...	...
31	21½	Vistec	21½	-1	...	2.3	11.7
230	157½	Vodafone	201	-4½	...	1.7	26.3
483	395	Volex	403	-8	...	5.6	17.7
300	60	Wakebourne	94	...	...	...	...
31	20	Western Selectn	25	...	0.2	1.2	...
335	258	Wholesale Ftgs	258 †	...	11.7	5.7	—

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
787	537	East Midlands	700	-4	...	4.1	55.2
866	566	Eastern Grp	731	-6	...	3.9	16.0
477	308	Hydro-Elect	325	-1	...	4.9	10.3
753	534	London Elect	696	+2	...	4.2	10.3
871	635	Manweb	764	...	...	4.0	9.1
840	547	Midlands Elec	719	-5	...	4.0	11.0
520	404½	National Powr	479	...	...	3.3	11.9
858	589	Northern Elec	748	+1	...	4.2	9.4
431	320	Nthn Ireland	376	-5	...	3.8	10.2
880	587	Norweb	752	-8	...	3.8	9.9
682	449	PowerGen	551	+1	...	2.9	12.1
486	325	Scottish Power	383	+5	...	4.4	11.2
453	299	Seeboard	392	-2	...	3.7	10.4
840	591	Sth Wales	759	...	...	4.2	10.3
834	551	Sth Western	719	-4	...	4.1	9.5
837	540	Southern Elec	721	+1	...	3.9	11.3
795	532	Yorkshire Elec	690	-2	...	4.3	13.4

FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	51 #	...	...	2.5	...
165	79	BWD	97	-1	...	5.4	7.9
124	96	Baltic Plc	123 †	...	...	2.0	7.8
215	163	Bistec Inv	165	-3	...	...	...
757	623	Caledonia	683	-2	...	3.0	16.9
2650	1900	Camellia	2425	-37½	...	1.3	6.5
363	310	Candover	329 †	...	...	4.3	...
212	179	Exco	194	-3	...	5.3	10.0
465	353	Govett	365	-2	...	4.9	6.2
250	185	Ivory Sime	236	-2	...	4.0	18.4
428	150	Johnson Fry	168	...	1.5	1.1	...
245	138	Lon Forfaiting	195 †	-2	...	7.5	9.7
57	44	Manakin	51	...	...	...	...
25½	16	Nat Home Loan	16½	+¼	...	...	0.4
58	16	Newmarket	16 †	...	...	...	...
365	247	Rathbone Brs	263	...	...	4.0	13.0
29	21½	Rutland Tst	28 †	...	...	4.0	14.2
369	281½	S & U	332 †	...	...	4.1	10.8
114	75	Singer & Fried	80 †	+1	...	4.9	10.3
1260	769	Sotheby's	803	-2	...	3.5	34.7
188	116	S/P Capital	127	-1	...	3.0	7.8
224	144	Towry Law	144 †	-1	...	3.9	—

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2037½	1628½	Amer Express	1882½	-12½	...	...	...
154	124	Brewin Dolphin	143	+1	...	5.1	10.6
229	157	Gartmore	169 †	...	...	3.0	19.5
1308	845	Henderson Ad	915	+5	...	6.0	14.5
251½	151	Invesco	156 †	-1	...	3.0	25.6
317	214½	Jardine Strat	230½	-4	...	3.3	10.2
323	218	MAI	235 †	-3	...	4.1	12.8
117½	88½	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	92½	-1	...	...	...
770	538	MAM	613	...	...	4.6	14.3
1263	794	M & G	925	-28	...	3.8	19.4
496	324	Smith New Ct	338	-3	...	3.7	2.8
65	25	Trio Hldgs	31	...	...	6.0	14.1

FOODS

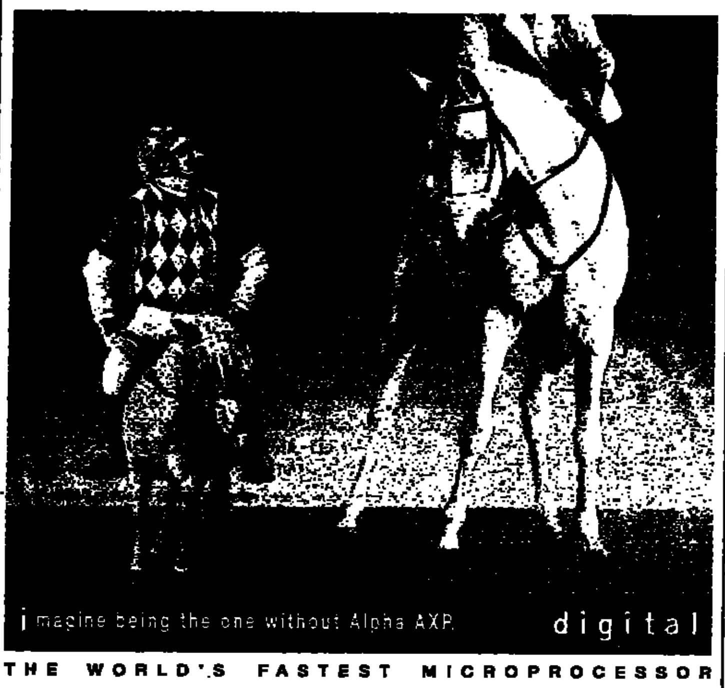
1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	499	AB Food	525	-2	...	3.6	10.3
68	50¾	ASDA Group	65	-½	...	3.5	14.5
368	265	Acatos & Hutch	283	...	...	3.8	11.3
74	44	Albert Fisher	47	...	...	10.0	10.4
315	222½	Argyll	269	+2	...	5.3	11.8
270	220	Banks (S C)	220	...	...	5.5	8.4
373	305	Barr (AG)	370	-2	...	2.3	23.9
72	42	Benson Crsp	44	...	...	6.1	...
481	378	Booker	413 †	-7	...	6.6	15.2
56½	48	Borthwick	51	...	...	3.2	21.8
505	413	Brake Bros	427	...	...	2.1	15.3
43	26	Budgens	26	...	...	3.0	15.0
196	156	CPL Aromas	196	...	...	1.9	18.7
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	444 †	-1	...	4.3	14.7
232	143	Carrs Milling	188	...	...	3.0	10.2
167	130	Cranswick	150	-1	...	4.9	12.5
17	11½	Cullens	14	-¼	...	...	...
154	90	Dalepak	114	-3	...	1.6	—
543	389	Dalgety	423 †	-5	...	6.2	11.2
87	50	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.7	...
294	212	Devro	234 †	-6	...	3.5	15.1
101	55	Everest	56 †	...	...	5.6	—
394	344	Farepak	344	...	...	2.4	19.6
8½	5½	Farringford	5½	...	...	...	...
108	68	Finlay (James)	78	+1	...	6.8	10.3
136	87	Fyffes	105	...	...	1.7	18.0
371	189	Geest	195	-3	...	5.3	...
20½	14	Global	14	...	...	4.5	12.6
68	38	Grand Central	48	...	...	...	...
194	119	Hazlewood Fds	127	-2	...	6.6	7.7
196½	151	Hillsdown	174	+1	...	6.4	12.2
28	16	Hobson	23½	-¼	...	...	...
211	133	Iceland Group	162 †	+3	...	3.0	10.1
111	93	JLI Group	97	...	...	6.2	13.7
656	523	Kwik Save	565	...	...	4.1	9.9
376	138	Low (Wm)	364	...	...	2.9	12.1
127	85	Matthews (B)	116 †	...	...	2.9	13.9
18	9½	Merchant Retail	9½	...	...	2.6	...
149	99	Morrison (W)	135 †	...	...	1.0	15.8
246	205	Nichols (JN)	241 †	...	...	3.0	15.5
271½	193	Nthn Foods	202	-2	...	5.4	9.9
14	9	Nthmbrn Fn	12	...	...	...	...
232	177	Nurdin Peack	177 †	-1	...	4.7	9.8
146	89½	Park Foods	124	...	...	2.4	25.1
81	62	Perkins Food	79 †	...	...	7.0	13.3
141	109	PizzaExpress	114½	-½	...	2.2	—
5½	1½	Regina Hlth	1½	...	...	...	...
480	342	Sainsbury J	399	+1	...	3.3	14.1
98	73	Sentry Farm	81	...	...	3.5	9.2
122	71	Sims Food	85	-1	...	11.0	—
467½	392	Tate & Lyle	429	-1	...	3.9	10.6
255	200½	Tesco	234 †	...	...	4.3	11.7
198	182	Thorntons	178 †	-1	...	3.4	—
238	145	Treats	211	+2	...	2.4	17.2
434½	323	Unigate	345	+2	...	6.3	9.7
388	301	Utd Biscuits	304 †	-3	...	6.3	24.8
21	7½	Usborne	7½	...	...	5.5	5.5
422	279	Watson & Philip	375	...	...	4.9	15.2
49	34	West Trust	34 †	...	...	9.2	23.8

HOTELS, CATERERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
40	26	Aberdn Stk H	34	...	...	...	...
94	76	City Centre Rest	78	+1½	...	2.9	15.8
285	209½	Forte	237½	-½	...	4.0	27.6
207	169	Friendly Hotels	180	...	...	4.0	29.8
173½	142½	Jurys Hotel	170	...	...	4.1	15.2
217½	151	Ladbroke	153½	-1½	...	2.8	27.1
109½	78½	Mandarin Orntl	79½	+1	...	3.9	21.5
31½	18½	Ryan Hotels IL	20	...	...	4.6	16.3
1135	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	943	...	...	0.5	...
92	60½	Stakis	81½	-1½	...	1.8	29.3

INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	34	AAF Inds	42	-1	...	...	...
544	392	AAH	405	...	...	5.5	14.4
185	119	ADI	150	...	...	3.8	40.0
138	70½	APV	71½	-1	...	7.7	...
230	157	ASW	192 †	...	...	3.9	...
202	151	Adwest	156 †	-4	...	6.0	15.9
21½	14	Aerospace Eng	18½	...	...	5.1	52.5
312	223	Airsprung	244	...	...	2.5	15.2
230	150	Alexdra W	150	...	...	4.9	15.7
11½	5½	Allied Radio	6	...	...	...	...
341	283	Alumasc	341 †	...	...	2.2	—
73	27½	Alvis	33	-1	...	3.8	22.9
780	705	Amber Ind	780	...	...	3.2	16.2
69½	43½	Amberley Gp	54	...	...	2.3	29.5
81	43	Anagen	83	+2	...	...	...
95	47	Andrews Sykes	68	...	...	...	...
380	199½	Antofagasta	358	-2	...	1.2	28.9
62	48	Armour	51½	...	...	4.5	—
175	158	Ash & Lacy	158 †	...	...	5.1	16.3
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	4½	+¼	...	1.4	58.8
639	474	Avon Rubber	539	...	...	3.8	23.4
297½	248	Assoc Nursg	248	...	...	1.0	14.5
553	490	Atlas Equip	533 †	...	...	5.2	17.8
125	86	Ayrshire Metal	111	...	1.5	1.7	...
236	173	BBA	191½	-¼	...	2.9	...
193	115	BLP Group	163 †	...	...	0.8	44.7
51	24½	BM Gp	45½	+½	...	...	...
767	627	BOC	684	-7	...	4.2	20.9
86½	59½	BSG	62 †	+½	...	6.5	38.8
578	495	BSS Group	519	...	...	4.3	21.7
401	299	BTR	309 †	-2	...	5.1	16.3
176	138	BWI	145	...	...	6.0	—
40½	26½	Babcock	31½	...	...	...	...
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
270	216	Baird (Wm)	222	-3	...	5.1	18.6
568½	368½	Barlow	484½	...	...	0.7	...
81	64	Baynes (Charles)	77 †	...	...	2.9	19.7
25½	17	Bearing Power	23½	...	...	4.0	14.9
95	23	Bensford	32	...	...	...	...
35	28	Bedford (W)	32	...	...	...	...
18½	8½	Benson Group	11 †	+1½	...	3.8	—
393	243	Bespak	279	-1	...	4.6	14.3
91	49	Bibby (J)	51	...	...	4.9	...
226	124	Billam (J)	126 †	...	...	5.3	7.7
39	26	Bilston Batsen	36	...	...	...	...
10	3½	Bimec Ind	6½ #	...	...	...	...
283	243	Birkby	246	...	...	3.0	18.1
48	30	Black Arrow	41	+3	...	7.9	10.0
290	233	Black (Peter)	262½	...	...	2.1	18.8
250	137½	Bluebird Toys	215 †	-1	...	3.5	6.4
329	282	Bodycote	311	-1	...	2.2	21.1
40	28	Boyd 'A'	28	...	...	3.1	—
75	43	Booth Inds	61	-2	...	...	...
28½	17	Boustead	28	...	...	3.8	—
524	409	Bowater	452 †	-12	...	3.6	17.0
1865½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1775	-34½	...	...	...
297	248	Boxmore Intl	280	...	...	1.8	17.9
20	15	Braway	15½	...	...	4.3	15.8
370	288	Brammer	340 †	+1	...	4.8	18.9
31	16	Bridgend Gp	16	...	...	1.6	...
171	120	Bridon	156	-3	...	3.2	...
97	74	Bridport-Gndry	96	...	...	2.9	...
57½	44½	Brierley Inv	48½	+1½	...	8.5	—
235	180	Br Bldg & Eng	180	...	...	5.7	—
124	70	Br Bloodstock	74	...	...	...	66.4
515	435	Br Polythene	445½	-1½	...	3.4	15.6
172½	121½	Br Steel	150	-3½	...	1.6	58.9
176	45	Br Thornton	45	...	...	16.7	3.9
309	219	Br Vita	232 †	-1	...	4.0	17.3
180½	131	Brkson Grp	131	-1	...	2.4	19.3
988	773½	Broken Hill	908	+5	...	2.2	38.3
125	86½	Bromsgrve Ind	91	...	...	6.2	11.5
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	12½	...	...	...	...
71	46	Brown & Tawse	68	...	...	...	...
186	139	Bullough	146	-1	...	5.2	24.0
16	7	Business Tech	8	...	...	...	...
16	14	CI Group	15	...	...	2.5	...
54	31	Campbell & Arm	40	-1	...	...	...
59	11½	Cannon St	16½	...	...	...	6.3
488	398	Cantab Pharms	398	...	...	...	...
278	237	Cape	237	...	...	5.8	15.1
455	254	Caradon	269 †	-5	...	4.1	17.8
215½	129½	Caradon pf	132½ †	...	7.2	6.8	...
293	248	Carclo Eng	250	...	...	4.5	16.3
10	6	Care UK	6½	...	...	...	...
2446½	1890½	Carnaud Md	2134½	-6½	...	2.2	16.5
104	80	Cassidy Bros	85	...	...	4.0	10.9
155	110	Castings	140	...	...	2.3	17.2
66	31	Cathay Intl	31	-1	...	...	...
233	191	Celltech	207	...	...	...	...
230	155	Chamberlin Hill	160	...	...	3.1	10.1
836	636½	Charter	766	-2	...	3.7	21.8
360	272	Chemring	294	-1	...	3.9	15.5
62	46	Chieftain Gp	56	...	...	7.8	11.2
246	152	Christies Intl	170 †	...	...	1.5	30.0
80	60	Clayhithe	73	-1	...	4.5	—
688	403	Cohen (A)	540	...	3.4	0.8	...
297	232	Community H	248 †	...	...	4.0	—
263	187	Concentric	187	...	...	4.0	15.5
310	240	Cook (Wm)	271	-1	...	3.5	13.0
285	227	Cookson	239 †	...	...	3.4	21.6
117	81	Copymore	115	...	...	4.5	16.3
167	112	Crowll Ptr 'A'	112 †	...	...	6.4	25.1
157	109	Cosalt	135	...	...	5.8	...
285	190	Creighton Nt	194	...	...	5.0	—
44	30	CrestaCare	34 †	...	...	2.8	...
2062½	18½	Dana	1625	-50	...	...	...
388	269	Danka Bs Sys	288	-10	...	0.6	25.4
296	198	David Brown	217	...	...	3.8	15.1
1021	825	De La Rue	984	+2	...	2.5	20.9
162	133	Denby Group	155	-1	...	2.5	15.1
52	32	Dinkie Heel	34	...	...	5.2	9.6
628	445½	Diploma	459	...	...	3.4	18.4
97	30	Dobson Park	80	...	...	5.9	15.8
134	94	Dyson (J&J)	94	...	...	4.7	—
97	76	Dyson 'A'	76	...	...	5.8	—
16	12	EFG	15	-¼	0.1	0.8	9.8
442	364	EIS	390	...	...	4.0	15.5
25	15	Eldief	15	...	...	...	...
53	25	Elsco	32	+2	...	...	...
3756½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3181½	-50	...	1.7	54.0
91	69	Elliott (B)	88	+1	...	1.4	13.4
447½	321	Eng China Cl	359 †	-6	...	5.7	17.3
146	96	Environmed	120	-3	...	0.2	...
3678½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3675	+53½	...	1.1	31.7
86	56	Eurocopy	64	...	...	3.5	18.9
118	60	Expamet	103 †	...	...	3.2	73.0
402	334½	Fairey Group	381 †	-2	...	2.1	20.2
148	109	Fenner	135	...	...	0.4	...
110	82	Ferraris Group	88	...	...	3.0	13.0
45	34	Ferrum	34	...	...	...	...
78	50	Fife Indmar	60	...	...	5.7	8.8
157	107	Fisons	113	...	...	3.0	...
60	37	Fitzwilton	42	...	...	11.0	...
303	263	Flogas	300	...	...	2.8	12.4
51	38	Folkes Group nv	44 †	...	1.5	4.3	...
126	94	French (Thomas)	95	...	...	4.8	18.8
304	205	Frost Group	235 †	...	...	2.9	23.7
88	77	GEI Intl	82	...	...	2.3	23.0
680	510½	GKN	607 †	-8	...	4.2	35.5
79	49	GR Hldgs	55	...	...	4.1	...
134	91	Garton Eng	122 †	...	...	4.6	34.4
191	117	Gestetner	117	...	...	2.6	...
80	49	Glaves	60	...	...	2.1	38.5
725	520	Glaxo	589½	-9	...	5.7	14.4
46	25	Glenchewton	25	-4½	...	...	...
404	321	Glynwed	329	-6	...	4.5	19.0
208	125	Goode Durrant	192	...	...	3.9	15.1
185	106	Grampian Hdg	106	-1	...	6.6	19.3
598	475	Granada	520	...	...	2.2	20.5
85	71	Green (Ernest)	80 †	...	...	9.4	—
19½	10½	Greenacre	10½	...	...	4.0	14.3
85	61	Haden MacLn	70 †	+2	...	3.6	18.1
122	90	Hadleigh	119	...	...	2.1	13.9
76	59	Hallite Hldgs	66	...	...	...	51.5
330	143	Hall Eng	147 †	...	...	6.8	11.5
256	204	Halma	223	...	...	1.3	20.2
73	47	Hampson Ind	66	...	...	3.8	12.6
302	224	Hanson	228	-4	...	6.6	20.4
161	122	Harris (Philip)	141	...	...	6.1	17.4
220	152	Harrison Crsfld	169 †	+1	...	6.2	19.2
191	121	Havelock Euro	188	+18	...	2.0	22.3
48	28	Hay (Norman)	28	...	...	...	...
58	33	Headway	34 †	...	...	3.6	26.4
511	284	Hepworth	296 †	-2	...	6.3	16.8
205	130	Hewitt (J)	130	...	...	3.1	...
75	52	High-Point	55	+2	0.5	1.1	...
184½	137	Hill & Smith	142	+2	...	5.1	15.4
191	88	Holders Tech	95	...	...	7.9	10.3
63	39	Hopkinsons	52 †	...	...	3.1	...
216	176	Hornby	180	...	...	6.2	15.7
103	78	Howden	85	-1	...	3.6	13.6
292	234	Howlock	247	-1	...	3.0	17.6
285	161	Hunting	162	...	...	7.7	32.1
513	402	Huntingdn Tec	420 †	...	...	1.6	19.6
379	286	IMI	298	-10	...	4.3	25.3
138	110	ISA Intl	117 †	...	...	1.8	14.6
165	39	Inercare Gp	39	...	...	11.2	4.2
325	284	Isotron	284 †	...	...	2.1	—
710	409½	Jardine Math	516	-5	...	2.8	12.1
628	486	Johnson Matth	557	...	...	2.6	22.2
51	37	Johnson & FB	39½	...	...	1.1	...
294	149	Johnston	284	...	...	2.0	33.7
32	25	Jones Shipman	30	...	...	...	...
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	30	...	...	4.2	28.3
191½	148	Kalon	148	-½	...	3.7	14.0
315	230	Kelsey Ind	315	...	...	3.2	...
875	730	Kershaw (A)	865	...	...	4.8	39.8
276	163	Kleeneze	168	...	...	0.7	37.3
444	341	Laird	343 †	...	...	4.0	16.1
170	145	Lilleshall	158 †	...	...	3.7	16.6
229	205	Lincat	223 †	...	...	3.9	—
408	313	Linton Park	398 †	...	...	5.5	11.4
14	4½	Lionheart	5½	...	...	6.5	13.0
20½	15	Locker (T) A	16½	...	...	1.5	—
152½	74	Lon Intl	84	-1½	...	...	...
175½	124½	Lonrho	134½	+½	...	3.7	36.9
438	364	Low & Bonar	413	+1	...	3.1	16.5
49	38	ML Hdgs	38	...	...	2.8	13.2
67	49	MS Intl	49	...	...	6.4	29.6
70	45	MY Holdings	54	...	...	3.8	—
271½	223	Macfarlane	269	...	...	1.9	21.7
539	418	McKechnie	429	...	...	4.3	20.6
127	100	McLeod Russel	111	-2	...	6.9	17.3
104	69	Magnolia	69	-2	...	0.2	...
179	129	Mans Bronze	145 †	-2	...	3.4	—
26½	18½	Marling	25	...	...	3.3	44.8
231	166	Mayborn	186 †	...	...	4.0	12.4
64	53	Mayflower	57 †	...	...	3.1	23.2
187	120	Medeva	170 †	-7	...	2.1	13.7
120	71½	Meggitt	72½	...	...	6.8	11.7
120	101	Metalrax	107 †	...	...	4.4	17.8
128	99	Metrotect	102	...	...	4.2	13.8
133	99	Metsec	132 †	...	...	2.8	18.4
124	69	Midstates	71	+2	...	...	9.9
6	3½	Middlesex Hlds	5½	...	...	...	...
599	540	Molins	543 †	...	...	3.6	10.9
408	317	Morgan Crcle	318 †	...	...	5.0	15.4
217	176	Morris Ashby	210	...	...	3.6	—
51	34	Neepsend	36	...	...	4.3	16.8
80	42	Nestor-BNA	47 †	...	...	8.4	11.6
224	214	Nobo Gp	225	...	...	3.3	14.5
212½	119	Norcros	124	-2	...	7.1	22.2
35	27	Novo Group	27 †	...	...	0.9	—
60	48	OMI Intl	50	...	...	4.4	...
175	153	PCT	155 †	...	...	6.0	—
91	66	Pacer Systems	71 †	...	...	6.2	25.7
46	31	Pascoe's	40	...	...	...	...
123	84	Pentland	101 †	...	...	3.6	20.0
310	207	Photo-Me	241 †	-1	...	2.5	—
208	162	Pilkington	188	...	...	2.7	...
55	38	Plant & Gen	54	+1	...	4.1	—
185	82	Plantsbrook	173	...	...	2.5	20.4
185	126	Polypipe	130 †	-2	...	2.2	—
44	16	Porter Chadbrn	39	-1	...	...	...
341	218	Powerscreen	297	...	...	3.1	13.3
23½	16½	Prospect Inds	16½	...	...	6.3	8.7
77	56	RPS Group	68 †	...	...	4.8	12.3
108	60	Radiant Metal	80	...	...	...	...
447½	355½	Rank Org	414	+2	...	3.8	26.6
71	13	Ransomes	60	...	...	...	...
714½	528	Reckitt Colm	579	-8	...	3.9	14.6
95	70	Record	85 †	...	...	5.3	19.1
5½	3½	Reece	4	...	...	...	...
294	211	Relyon	257	...	...	2.6	46.9
309	268	Renishaw	304 †	-4	...	2.8	—
185	126	Renold	178	...	...	1.8	24.7
539½	424	Reuters	457	-4	...	1.9	22.9
90	72	Rexmore	76	...	...	4.1	7.7
194	138	Ricardo Group	145 †	...	...	5.2	17.6
73	53	Richard (Leics)	53	...	...	5.4	37.2
109½	82½	Richardson West	83	...	...	4.9	18.2
164	118½	Ropner	134 †	...	...	7.0	15.2
24	7½	Ross Gp	8	+¼	...	3.1	...
195	157	Rotork	169 †	...	...	3.3	17.2
190	137	Rubicon	137 †	...	...	4.2	15.5
103	62	Russell (A)	91 †	...	...	3.1	18.7
42	34½	SEP Indl	34½	...	...	3.3	16.2
1459½	1071½	SKF 'B'	1159½	+6½	...	...	...
272	186	Scapa	211½	...	...	3.5	18.0
210	145	Scholl	154 †	...	...	5.2	14.8
295	242	Scotia	269	-3	...	...	...
1543	1146	Securicor	1463	...	...	0.3	36.2
1069	785	Securicor 'A'	953	...	...	0.4	23.6
892	606	Security Serv	768	...	...	1.0	34.3
150½	72	Senior Eng	82 †	+3	...	5.2	13.4
356	291	Seton Health	348	...	...	2.3	17.7
180	138	Shiloh	156	...	...	2.8	10.3
358	197	Sidlaw	197	-11	...	7.1	9.6
630	500	Siebe	530	-7½	...	2.6	17.1
378	194	Silentnight	232	...	...	4.4	14.4
196	137	Sime Darby	168	-1	...	3.2	17.5
130½	75	Simon Eng	102½	...	...	...	...
244	178	Sinclair (Wm)	178 †	-4	...	5.0	—
82	35	Six Hundred	81	...	...	2.3	...
159½	136½	Smith & Neph	143½ †	-1	...	4.4	15.9
465½	357½	SmithKline	418	-11	...	3.3	16.3
421	322	Smithkline Uts	375	-14	...	3.6	14.6
527½	411	Smiths Ind	447	+7	...	3.7	16.9
104	41	Sthn Bus	50	...	...	9.3	7.8
280	155½	Spandex	258	...	...	1.2	20.7
443	337	Spirax-Sarco	436 †	...	...	2.8	18.5
81½	42½	Spring Ram	44	+1½	...	1.4	...
267	197	Staveley	208	+1	...	5.1	60.8
267	197	Sterling Ind	239	...	...	3.3	21.5
230	165	Suter	167	-1	...	7.0	16.1
604	438½	Swire Pacific 'A'	438½	-4	...	2.1	—
178	149	Sylone	158	...	...	3.9	17.5
455	343	TI	365	-1	...	3.9	20.2
44	31	TLS Range	36	...	...	3.5	14.5
402	330	TT Group	347 †	...	...	2.4	—
282	192	Takare	227	...	2.0	1.1	19.8
852½	656	Takeda Chem	779	-½	...	0.8	14.6
121	92	Tinsley (E)	119	...	...	5.9	19.4
220	177	Titon	177	-3	...	3.0	15.0
283	204	Tomkins	213	-3	...	4.3	13.7
124	74½	Trafalgar H	84	-1½	...	1.5	...
105	45	Transfer Tech	56	...	...	7.5	7.8
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	133	-1	...	6.6	—
313	256	UniChem	272	...	...	3.1	15.5
440	245	Unidare	305	...	...	3.5	16.6
54	33	Unigroup	36	-1	...	...	...
1247	958	Unilever	1137	-17	25.0	2.8	16.4
8118½	6496½	Unilever (NV)	7318½	...	...	3.0	14.7
18½	12	Utd Inds	15½	...	...	0.8	...
1328	980	VSEL	1300	-15	...	3.4	12.4
31½	12	Vernon	14½	...	...	2.8	12.4
204	163	Vickers	163 †	-5	...	2.7	17.3
327	242	Victaulic	242	...	...	4.2	13.3
19	9	Vilters Grp	11	...	...	...	...
522	451	Vinten	497	-1	...	2.0	12.9
805	661	Vosper Thorny	708	...	...	3.2	15.3
65	37	WSP Hldgs	59	...	...	4.0	34.5
527	451	Wagon Ind	484	...	...	4.8	21.6
114	97	Walker Greenbk	105	...	...	4.1	18.5
324	240½	Wassall	291 †	+1	...	1.5	25.0
63	44	Watford Wdgwd	60	-1	...	...	46.7
254½	240½	Weir	280	+1	...	3.0	16.7
731	498	Wellcome	698	-13	...	3.3	14.9
220	193	Wellington Hdg	193 †	...	...	3.3	18.6
39½	37½	Wellman	38	...	...	3.0	62.0
400	294	West Hithcare	357	...	...	1.6	—
548	390	Whatman	390 †	-4	...	3.4	14.3
264	90	Whessoe	114	+2	...	9.0	8.7
155	93	Whitecroft	155	+2	...	1.6	24.5
13½	9½	Widney	10½	...	...	...	...
414½	322	Williams Hldg	339	...	...	4.8	20.9
57	39½	Wilshaw	56½	...	...	1.3	23.2
975	705	Wolseley	757	-7	...	2.4	18.4
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	...	2.4	31.2
69	40	Wyko	66 †	...	...	0.9	—
96	70	Young (H)	73	-1	...	5.7	78.1



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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1493½	937½	Alex & Alex	1287½	+12½	...	5.2	...
2043½	1637½	Am Gen	1637½	-18½	...	4.4	...
86	47	Archer	54	-2	...	2.3	...
165	85	Bradstock	96	...	...	7.2	11.0
550	370	Britannic	400	...	...	4.1	...
117	89	CLM Insce	90	...	1.4	2.0	...
701½	481	Com Union	535	-9	...	5.9	30.2
1950	1663	Dom & Gen	1670 †	...	...	2.1	17.9
64	33	FAI	36	...	...	1.3	...
194	142	Fenchurch Grp	146	...	...	6.2	13.0
757	529	Gen Accident	569 †	-6	...	6.1	9.2
247	161	GRE	192	-1	...	5.2	21.1
457	238	Heath C E	251	-5	...	8.0	...
323	239	Independent	255 †	+1	...	4.3	6.9
203	126	JIB Group	135 †	...	...	6.9	12.4
547	407	Legal & Gen	442 †	-1	...	5.8	17.6
1415½	965½	Liberty Life	1375 †	-18½	...	7.4	5.4
119	91	LIMIT	94	...	...	1.3	—
471	322	Lloyds Abbey	329	-1	...	7.0	9.9
310	157	Lloyd Thomp	174 †	...	...	5.0	11.5
185	159	Lombard Ins	176	...	...	5.5	16.8
441	313	Londn & Man	327 †	...	...	6.2	16.3
236	170	Lowndes Lmb	170	...	...	5.5	10.7
5897½	4606½	Marsh McLn	4697½	+81½	...	3.8	...
188	147	Nelson Hurst	174 †	...	...	4.0	17.4
129½	109	Orion	115	...	...	5.5	—
83	34	PWS	35½	...	...	10.6	...
385	271	Prudential	308 †	-3	...	5.5	13.3
404	261	Refuge	278 †	-2	...	5.2	20.5
350	232½	Royal	282 †	-2	...	4.0	7.1
222	139	Sedgwick	154 †	-5	...	4.9	17.4
155	104	Steel Burrill	114 †	...	...	9.9	...
87	54	Sturge Hldgs	75	...	...	5.0	...
418	285	Sun Alliance	336 †	-3	...	5.6	9.3
96	51	Trade Indemnity	63 †	...	...	1.8	14.0
464	332	Transatlantic	335	...	...	4.5	30.3
673	460	Utd Friendly	502 †	-3	...	4.3	25.8
245	133	Willis Corroon	152	-4	...	5.4	14.7
28	20	Windsor	24	...	...	...	18.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
336	280	3i	319	-1	...	2.6	...
2058	1703	Alliance	1775	-15	...	3.3	...
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	418	-3	...	2.1	...
161	117	BZW Conv	130 †	...	...	7.5	—
219	173	Bankers	182 †	-2	...	2.7	...
381	311	Baring Tribne	328	-3	...	2.5	...
288	198	Berry Starq	220	...	2.2	1.2	—
120½	91½	Br Assets	94½	-1	...	5.7	...
98	89	Br Empire Sec	91½	-½	...	1.3	...
46	31	Br Empire Wts	38	...	...	...	...
234	188	Br Inv	206	-1	...	2.9	...
272	221	Brunner	238½	-½	...	2.8	...
223	194	Contl Asset	196	-1	...	1.9	...
173	147	Derby Inc	158	-1	...	12.5	...
328	268	Derby Cap	290	-3	...	...	...
100	73	Draytn Blue	78	...	...	13.5	...
111	84	Drytn Eng Ind	90	...	...	1.1	...
156	128	Drytn Far East	141½	-½	...	0.6	...
784	613	Dunedn Inc G	662	-3	...	5.1	...
108	85	Dunedn Japan	89½	-½	...	...	...
80	44	Dunedn Wts	44	-2	...	...	...
341	292	Dunedn Smlr	313	-2	...	3.6	...
827	725	Dunedn Wwde	774	-2	...	1.5	...
360	281	Edinburgh	305	-1½	...	3.6	...
354	286	Electra Inv	321	-1	...	2.8	...
220	185	Electric Gen	199½	-3	...	2.0	...
127	106	English Scot	114	-2	...	...	...
345	286	European Asset	295	-1	...	2.0	...
174	145	Fidity Euro Val	153	-2	...	0.2	...
103½	80½	Fidity Jap Val	86½	-1	...	...	...
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	155	...	3.0	2.4	...
343	276½	Fleming Amer	292	-5½	...	0.4	...
145	75	Fleming Chinese	81	-2	...	...	...
92	37½	Fleming Wts	40	-2	...	...	...
267	196	Fleming Claver	208 †	-2	...	3.3	...
385	302½	Fleming Contl	315	-1	...	0.9	...
264	190	Fleming Emp	206	-2	...	2.9	...
459	327	Flemng F East	362	...	1.5	0.5	...
422	354	Fleming Fledg	357	-1	...	1.1	...
120	80	Fleming Hi Inc	94	-1	...	5.9	...
284	223	Fleming Japan	259	-4	...	0.2	...
347	269½	Fleming Merc	282 †	-2	...	3.0	...
347½	280½	Fleming O'seas	293 †	-2	...	1.8	...
155½	126½	Foreign & Col	136½	-1½	...	1.6	...
148	106½	Frgn Emg Mkts	132	-½	0.2	0.3	...
77	64½	Frgn Enterprise	71½	-½	...	1.0	...
261	216	Frgn Eurost	228½	-3½	...	0.7	...
145	116	Frgn German	120	-3	...	0.5	...
374	307	Frgn Pacific	325 †	-1	...	1.0	...
192	159½	Frgn Smaller	162	-½	...	1.5	...
303	245	GT Japan	246 †	-6	...	0.6	...
200	150	Genl Cons Cap	157	...	...	...	...
115½	105	Genl Inc	108	...	...	10.1	...
191	139	Govett Am Smlr	142	-3	...	...	...
151	101	Gov Emg Mkts	124	...	...	0.3	...
96½	80	Gov Glob Smlr	87	...	...	...	...
112	78	Govett High Inc	81½	-½	...	7.0	...
429	349	Govets Oriental	404	-3	...	0.3	...
346	236	Govett Strategic	236	-3	...	3.6	...
475	410	Greenfriar	420	...	...	2.0	...
19	19	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
105	86	Herald	92	...	...	...	...
99	90	Intl Biotech	90	...	...	...	...
50	30	Ier Wts	38	...	...	...	...
158	122	Inv Cap	129	-2	...	5.0	...
119	94	I&S UK Smllr	105	...	...	3.3	...
177	126	INVESCO Korea	162	-½	...	...	...
243	195	Kleinwort Chtr	199	-2	...	3.2	...
88½	79½	Klnwt Euro Pvt	79	...	...	...	...
49	23½	Klnwt Euro Wts	28	-¼	...	...	...
272½	230½	Klnwt O'seas	235	-2½	...	1.8	...
165	131	Klnwt Smlr	131 †	...	...	3.0	...
826	672	Law Debenture	721	-5	...	3.4	...
227	190	Majedie	195	-1	...	3.2	...
324	237	Merchants	263 †	-5	...	5.3	...
90	79½	Mercury Euro Pv	83½	-1	...	...	...
45	28½	Mercury Wts	30½	-1½	...	...	...
125	98	Merc Wld Mg	110½	-½	...	...	...
52½	35	Mercury Wld Wts	39	-1	...	...	...
2987½	2087½	Merrill Lynch	2175	+37½	...	...	...
596	492	Monks Inv Tst	527	-3	...	1.7	...
158	127	Morg Gren Inc	131	-1	...	4.3	...
64	43	Morg Wts	51½	-½	...	...	...
111	87	Morg Lam Amer	105	-1	...	...	...
65	39	Morg Wts	59½	...	...	...	...
146	109	Murray Eml	114	...	...	2.2	...
58	34	Murray Wts	36	...	...	...	...
68	54	Murray Euro	59½	+½	...	0.6	...
23½	16	Murray Wts	17	...	...	...	...
393	317	Murray Income	326 †	-2	...	4.5	...
398	319	Murray Intl	332 †	-2	...	4.7	...
548	424	Murray Small	490	...	...	1.1	...
97	82	Murray S/C Inc	87	...	...	15.2	...
174	135	Murray S/C Cap	146	-2	...	...	...
3400	2850	Murray S/C Uts	2850	...	...	4.6	...
162	153	Murray S/C DP	158½	+½	...	...	...
343	302½	Murray Vent	308 †	-1	...	4.7	—
95	61	Nwthrog Inc	62 †	...	...	9.6	...
404	333	O'seas Inv Tst	350	-3	...	1.1	...
241	179	O'seas Wts	206	...	...	...	...
640½	433	Pacific Assets	518	-2	...	0.3	...
542	335	Pacific Wts	418	-4	...	...	...
9400	7000	Personal Assets	8700 †	-50	195	2.8	...
189	164½	RIT Cap Ptnr	177	-1	...	1.1	...
127	112½	River & Merc	114	...	...	10.1	...
449	412	Robeco	412	...	...	3.1	...
463	415	Rolinco	422	...	...	1.8	...
343	290	St Andrew Inv	307	...	...	3.2	...
183	150½	Scot American	158	...	...	3.8	...
368	238	Scot Asian	292	-2	...	...	...
1070	663	Scot Wts	828	-5	...	...	...
97½	77	Scot Eastern	81½	+½	...	2.4	...
262½	208	Scottish	217	-1	...	2.9	—
264½	205	Scottish Mtge	223	-2½	...	2.3	...
137½	105½	Scottish Value	105½	-1½	...	2.3	...
1795	1515	Second Alliance	1575 †	-5	...	3.3	—
106	77½	Secs Tst of Scot	81½	-½	...	5.0	...
179	148	Selective Asset	156	-1	...	1.2	...
51½	39½	Sphere Inv	39½	-½	...	10.9	...
205	149	TR Far East	162	-1	...	4.0	...
177½	133½	TR Cty Of Lon	144½	-2	...	4.6	...
136½	86	TR Pacific	117	-1	...	0.2	...
43½	32	TR Property	34	-½	...	3.3	...
152	108	TR Tech Inv	110	...	...	2.0	...
228	182	TR Smlr Cos	191	-2	...	2.5	...
412	310	Temple Bar	335	-2	...	5.1	...
135	102	Thrgmtn Asian E	107	-2	...	0.6	...
101	72½	Throgmorton	76	-½	...	3.8	...
568	468	Throg Dual Cp	510	...	...	...	...
289	233	USDC Invest	242 †	...	...	2.3	...
129	108½	Value Inc Tst	110½	-½	...	4.8	...
257½	205	Wkan	226½	-2	...	3.2	...

LEISURE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
578½	417	Airtours	454	-3	...	2.5	15.7
46½	19	Ald Leis	19	...	...	...	...
177	144	Alpha Airpts	150 †	...	...	3.4	...
131	85	Baldwin	113 †	...	...	3.9	19.4
333	267	Barr & W 'A'	302 †	-2	...	4.1	12.6
365	231	Boosey Hwks	345 †	+1	...	1.9	20.4
206	133	Border TV	185	-5	...	2.7	15.5
7½	3	Brent Walker	3½	...	...	...	...
200	100	Bristol Scots	200	...	...	1.9	...
7½	2½	Buckingham Intl	2½	...	...	...	...
74	36	Campari	36	...	...	...	...
439	328	Capital Radio	350	...	...	2.2	30.9
1047	797	Carlton Comm	832	-12	...	2.0	18.4
247	114	Chrysalis	231	-1½	3.2	1.8	...
374	305	Compass Gp	334	...	...	2.6	19.1
290	232	Eurocamp	269	...	9.9	4.6	11.1
213	89	Euro Disney	90	-2	...	...	...
4	2½	Euro Leisure	2½	...	...	...	...
455	308	Fairline Boats	435	+6	...	3.4	30.3
131	81	First Choice	116	...	...	3.8	...
350	262	First Leisure	264 †	...	...	3.1	17.5
479	309	Flextech	479	+7	...	...	...
1033	675	GWR Gp	900	...	...	1.5	31.6
356	228	Grampian	336	...	...	2.8	18.0
172	106	HTV Group	147 †	...	...	1.5	32.9
96	34	Hi-Tec Sports	34 †	...	...	10.2	5.0
18½	11½	Kunick	14	...	...	...	...
263	200	London Clubs	248	...	...	6.0	12.6
702	539	Man Utd	650 †	...	...	4.0	—
15	13½	My Kinda Town	13½	...	...	...	...
67	34	Northern	63	-2	...	6.1	10.1
102	65½	The Pelican Gp	96	...	...	1.4	—
183	125	Prism Leisure	125	...	...	4.2	8.8
43	28	Quadrant Grp	30	...	...	...	...
278	205	Ramsdens (H)	263	...	...	2.1	39.6
628	395	Scot Radio	590	-3	...	2.2	23.0
574	355	Scot TV	440 †	-1	...	3.6	29.5
40½	21½	SelecTV	22½	-½	...	...	...
350	296½	Stanley Leisure	327	...	...	2.0	18.4
153	125	Sunset & Vine	129	...	3.5	3.4	19.7
345½	280	Tanjong	280	...	...	0.7	15.7
167	75	Tottenhm Hot	132 †	-4	...	0.9	35.4
760	518	Ulster TV	708 †	-1	...	2.9	21.8
151	129	VCI	151	...	...	1.7	13.5
149	112	Vardon	127 †	+2	...	1.2	22.5
396	150	Yorkshire TV	396	+1	...	...	...
149	110	Zetters Gp	137	...	...	7.8	—

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3762½	2509½	Ang Am	3675	+6½	...	1.9	35.2
3550	1762½	Ang Am Coal	3468½	...	...	2.6	18.8
7208½	4593½	Ang Am Gold	7087½	+62½	...	3.3	21.4
36	25	Anglo Pac Res	25½	...	...	...	...
1512½	1190½	Ashanti	1350	-9½	...	...	...
404	275	Bakyrchik	287	+1	...	...	...
184	90½	Blyvoors	165½	+1½	...	...	...
37	12½	Bracken	21½	+6½	...	4.1	...
898	580½	Buffels	795½	-9½	...	6.7	—
6	2½	Butte	3	...	...	...	...
968	745½	CRA	860	-9	...	2.4	28.0
55½	36	Cluff Res	44½	-½	...	...	...
143	28½	Coal Inv	109	-2	...	...	...
1750	1318½	De Beers	1537½	-12½	...	3.4	16.5
148	88	Deelkraal	122½	+6	...	2.9	10.9
101½	30½	Doornfontein	98½	-2	...	...	...
1029½	665½	Driefontein	992½	-2	...	4.2	14.7
928	549½	Durban	911½	+9½	...	...	...
203½	107	E Rand Gold	176	-½	...	10.0	6.7
122½	59½	E Rand Prop	96½	-½	...	...	...
510	300½	Elandsrand	498	-1	...	3.2	11.7
1239	741½	FS Cons	1081	-10	...	6.3	11.3
82	27	FS Dev	82	...	...	1.5	...
1975	1193½	GFSA	1925	...	...	1.9	29.0
221½	108½	Gencor	219½	+2½	...	1.2	27.8
80½	57½	GM Kalgoorli	58	+2	...	2.3	22.4
22	14	Greenwich R 'A'	20½	+½	...	...	...
202	105½	Grootvlei	191½	+2½	...	4.9	10.2
680½	319½	Harmony	647½	-7½	...	...	...
430	268½	Hartles	373½	+5½	...	7.5	11.1
1512½	831½	Impala Ptm	1465½	-3½	...	1.7	45.9
1315½	840½	Kinross	1159½	+28½	...	4.1	16.3
1087½	568½	Kloof	1054	-10	...	3.0	11.1
137	69½	Leslie	120½	-½	...	8.7	7.1
368½	176½	Loraine	336½	-½	...	...	...
1137½	887½	Lydenburg	1137½	...	...	2.6	...
162	118	MIM	124	...	...	1.8	...
1762½	1606½	Minorco	1637½	...	...	2.2	—
201½	146½	Nth Brkn Hill	169	+4	...	3.0	26.0
905	790	RTZ	874 †	-7	...	3.0	24.9
500	187½	Rand Mines	462½	...	...	2.3	17.5
840½	547½	Randfontein	760½	-9½	...	6.5	9.7
295	207	Renison	235	...	...	...	...
1809½	1078½	Rustnbrg	1737½	+3½	...	1.7	—
756	539½	St Helena	649½	-67½	...	6.7	—
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	2031½	+12½	...	4.2	23.9
143	73	Stilfontein	123½	...	...	17.0	4.2
261½	90	Unisel	207	+8½	...	2.8	16.1
7600	4943½	Vaal Reefs	6625	-28½	...	3.8	11.0
1158½	508½	Western Areas	1158½	+5½	...	6.1	11.0
3496½	2050	Western Deep	3490½	-6½	...	2.9	12.2
398	300½	Wstrn Mining	367	+2	...	1.0	—
1325	603½	Winkels	903½	+12½	...	5.2	12.9
86	50	Zambia Copper	57	...	...	...	...
68	48	Zandpan	61	-4	...	8.1	12.3

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
283	233	Abbey Panels	283	...	...	...	...
145	108	Airflow Stream	144	-1	3.0	2.6	21.7
175	117	Appleyard	120 †	...	...	6.0	21.2
405	263	Blenchley Mtr	263	-2	...	5.0	10.4
306	180	Bostrom	285 †	-5	...	2.6	16.3
584	390	Br Aerospace	478 †	-6	...	2.4	42.0
57	36	Burndene	38	...	...	6.6	11.1
465	280	Callyns	295	...	...	4.9	19.9
22	13½	Caverdale	13½	-½	...	1.4	13.7
130	98	Central Mtr	98	...	...	4.5	24.2
51	32½	Cook (DC)	39	...	...	3.2	—
348	208	Cowie	212	-2	...	4.8	10.4
192½	127	Dag Motors	140 †	...	...	5.8	16.1
158	113	Dawpnt Vern	156	...	...	2.6	15.5
332	275	ERF	324	-1	...	0.8	...
234	202	Eurodollar	214	-1	...	5.0	16.7
173	106	European Mtr	111	...	...	4.8	11.6
539½	395	Evans Halshaw	406	...	...	4.4	12.8
310	235	FR Group	307	+2	...	3.2	15.2
2399½	1687½	Ford Motor	1793½	-18½	...	...	...
4387½	2762½	General Mtr	2881½	-18½	...	1.7	...
90	60	Gowrings	76 †	...	...	3.3	23.1
342½	266½	Henlys	273 †	-1	...	3.4	14.6
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1090½	-2½	...	0.4	...
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	58	...	...	...	13.4
184	145	Kwik-Fit	152 †	-1	...	3.3	17.4
573	339	Lex Service	339	-6	...	4.9	13.0
282	162	Lookers	190	...	...	4.5	11.8
239	158	Lucas	193 †	+1	...	4.5	...
29½	24	Malaya Grp	24 #	...	...	1.3	...
310	232	Pendragon	236 †	...	...	4.0	15.4
238	165	Perry Gp	165 †	...	...	5.3	9.0
218	143	Quicks Group	143 †	...	...	4.6	15.1
204	161	Rolls-Royce	174½	-4½	...	3.6	30.8
261	203	T & N	219 †	-3	...	6.2	19.1
333	263	Trinity Hldgs	312	...	...	2.6	22.4
221	162	Vardy (Reg)	162	...	...	3.5	15.3

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	198	Adscene	293 †	...	...	2.8	21.0
345	320	Black (A&C)	335 †	...	...	5.0	14.2
402	213	Blenheim Gp	262	-2	...	5.0	9.7
413	365	Bristol	376	...	...	4.1	26.0
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1356½	+15½	...	1.6	31.7
1484½	968½	Daily Mail 'A'	984½	+12½	...	1.9	33.0
314	260	Dorling Kind	291½	-½	...	1.4	—
641	5½	Elsevier	624½	-1½	...	3.1	20.1
469	361½	EMAP	369 †	-1	...	2.9	22.9
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1723	...	...	2.9	30.3
194	32	Harrington K	42	-10	...	3.0	—
515	328	Haynes Pub	440 †	...	...	2.6	26.2
408	333	Hodder H'line	333 †	...	...	2.0	54.2
180	120	Home Counts	175 †	...	...	3.6	42.9
237	161	Intl Bus Comm	218 †	+1	...	2.0	10.6
15	8	Int Cm & Data	10	...	...	...	...
340	273½	Independent	285	-3	...	3.7	9.7
669	551	Johnstone Press	623 †	...	...	1.5	22.9
110	43	MAID	52	...	...	...	78.9
492	338	Metal Bulletin	476	...	...	2.9	24.7
177½	131	Midland Ind	136 †	-1	...	2.6	18.6
203	123	Mirror Gp	140 †	+2	...	0.9	7.4
514½	364	News Corp	389	-4	...	0.4	25.9
314	224	News Intl	249	...	...	0.7	13.2
735	552	Pearson	614 †	+5	...	2.7	21.7
760	635	Portsmth Sund	635	-5	...	2.1	15.7
964	722	Reed Int	754	-11	...	3.2	22.8
249	187	Southnews	222	...	...	1.6	29.8
200	136	Sterling Pub	138 †	...	...	3.3	11.8
622	310	Telegraph	340	...	...	4.8	12.0
885	695	Thomson Corp	725	-10	30.1	5.2	36.2
472	389	Trinity Intl	389 †	...	...	3.2	17.9
45	18½	Uni Group	35	...	...	...	...
731	479	Utd Nwspprs	508 †	+13	...	5.6	12.3

OILS, GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
39½	24½	Aran Energy	39	...	...	...	23.6
53	35	Arcon Intl	41	-1	...	...	...
74½	59	Aus Oil & Gas	60½	-½	...	...	...
67	43	Aviva Pet	50	...	...	...	...
9	6	Beverley	6½ #	...	...	...	64.6
249	197	Br Borneo	213 †	...	...	4.2	10.0
358	253	British Gas	285 †	-1	...	6.4	...
430	340	Br Petroleum	409½	-6½	...	2.8	22.3
3½	1½	Bula Resources	3½ #	...	...	...	...
919	811	Burmah Castrl	852	+1	...	4.1	16.7
84	56	Cairn Energy	76	...	...	...	41.8
375	258	Calor Gp	288	+6	...	5.5	13.6
51	33	Clyde Pet	40 †	-1	...	1.1	...
30	12½	Coplex Res	13½	+½	...	...	...
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	1½	...	...	...	...
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gs	22	...	...	...	23.7
486	376	Enterprise	383 †	+6	...	5.2	...
26½	21	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	...	5.4	9.2
8½	4½	Fortune	5½	...	...	...	...
77	54	Goal Pet	66	-1	...	2.7	21.9
47	31	Gr Western Res	45	...	...	...	...
177	137	Hardy O & G	147	-1	...	0.9	18.8
55	40	Kelt Energy	51	-1	...	3.3	...
169	110½	Lasmo	151	...	...	0.8	...
73	52	Lasmo Units	52 †	...	7.8	19.8	...
75	55	Monument	70	...	...	...	74.8
7½	3½	New London	4	...	...	...	...
50	36	Oil Search	43	...	...	...	...
50½	17½	Petroz	39	+½	...	...	...
168	148	Pict Pet	148	-½	...	...	—
111	97	Plateneff Rs	97	...	...	...	...
32½	21½	Premier	26	...	...	...	14.1
158	118	Preatlo	128	...	...	5.2	...
282	129	Ramco Egy	227	-1	...	0.3	...
463	325	Ranger	375	-5	...	5.3	...
7700	6601½	Royal Dtch Pl	6968½	-90½	...	4.6	18.1
4084½	3375	Schlumberger	3375	-119½	...	2.2	...
65	50	Seafield	62	...	...	...	...
758	651	Shell	711 †	-11	...	4.4	21.5
187	126	Sunrise Eng Sv	128	...	...	...	...
237	178½	Woodside	236	+14	...	1.5	...
110	26	UCL	69	-3	...	...	...

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	138	AG Holdings	139	...	...	4.7	12.6
444	355	API	355	...	...	3.0	22.3
316	237	Arjo Wiggins	249 †	-1	...	3.3	37.5
730	540	Abbott Mead	668 †	...	...	2.2	30.2
33	17½	Aegis Gp	25½	...	...	...	...
205	145	Aspen Coms	165 †	...	...	3.8	18.8
26	16	BBD Design	16	-4	...	...	8.2
472	379	Bemrose	379 †	-1	...	4.1	13.6
13½	6½	Birkdale	6½	...	...	...	...
186	139	Bunzl	163 †	...	...	3.1	19.2
169	117½	CIA Gp	136	...	...	1.6	22.0
196	129	Capital Inds	168 †	...	...	3.3	13.2
86	76	City of Lon	83	-1	...	6.6	12.7
439	301	Cropper (James)	301	-6	...	1.5	15.1
114	78	Delyn Group	78	...	...	2.7	14.1
137	103	Dolphin Pack	104 †	...	...	5.4	13.4
83	66	Dudley Jenkns	66	...	...	9.2	14.6
17½	12	Elswick	16½	...	...	2.5	17.9
101	75	Fairway Group	88	...	...	4.9	16.4
430	302	Ferguson Intl	308	+3	...	5.1	13.1
145	122	Ferry Pick	123 †	...	...	5.8	...
227	198	Filofax	201 †	...	...	1.1	19.9
17½	8	Finch	12	...	...	...	...
149	132	Gibbon Lyons	139	...	...	4.9	13.0
275	171	Gold Greenless	175 †	...	...	3.8	—
34	23	Goodhead	26	...	...	0.2	—
162	134	Interneurope	136 †	...	...	7.7	—
281½	246	Jarvis Porter	281	+1	...	2.3	20.2
33½	20½	Lopex	21	...	...	1.5	23.7
431	349	More O'Ferrall	351 †	+1	...	4.7	20.3
425	230	Osborne & Little	302	+1	...	2.1	14.3
60	32	Osprey Comms	32	...	...	0.4	...
820	513	Portals	730	...	...	2.8	19.7
3	1½	Premier Hlth	1½	...	...	...	...
339	253	Quarto	253 †	...	...	3.0	13.8
412	314	St Ives Gp	318 †	...	...	2.5	—
178	127	Saatchi	155	...	...	...	30.2
1047	464½	Sappi	1042½	+28½	...	0.5	...
30½	14½	Serif	14½	...	...	...	...
57	20½	Shandwick	47	...	...	1.1	7.1
577	396	Smith David	519	-4	...	2.6	23.2
420½	274½	Smurfit (Jeff)	378 †	-6	...	1.4	53.7
119	82	Somic	82	...	...	3.8	6.8
254	183	Stat-Plus	183 †	-1	...	6.2	17.4
40½	25½	Taylor Nelson	37½	...	...	2.1	22.5
161	115	VTR	126	...	...	4.0	20.0
36½	24	WMGO	24	...	...	2.6	11.7
129	63½	WPP	107 †	-2	...	1.2	15.3
290	182	Wace	228	+6	...	2.2	14.5
291	209	Waddington (J)	218	...	...	4.9	10.7
511	365	Watmough	387 †	...	...	2.2	24.5
45	29	Whitney Mck	38	...	...	...	...
132	98	Wyndeham	129	...	...	2.2	18.7

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	96	Allied Lon	96	...	...	5.2	12.0
48	36	Arcadian	40	-1	...	...	...
276	253	Argent	265	...	...	...	...
10½	1½	Ascot Hldgs	2	-½	...	...	...
144	109	Asda	117 †	...	...	2.4	30.8
191	113	Avonside	124 †	...	...	4.4	14.6
342½	238	Bilton	246 †	...	...	4.9	17.9
108	72	Bourne End	83	...	...	1.5	...
276	183	Bradford	186	-1	...	4.4	13.1
474	360	Br Land	398	-5	...	2.4	34.9
137	116	Brightstone	116 †	...	...	4.0	26.3
276	177	Brixton	195 †	-4	...	5.2	17.3
118	86½	Burford	90	-1	...	2.2	29.2
112	99	CLS Hldgs	99 †	...	...	6.2	...
207½	125½	Cap & Regnl	137	...	...	1.5	30.9
229	191	Cap Shop Ctrs	205	...	...	4.0	49.3
325	228	Cardiff Prop	233	...	...	1.3	52.1
185	152	Chelsfield	165 †	...	...	1.8	56.0
678	504	Chesterfield	504	...	...	3.0	22.6
112	94	Chesterton Int	96	-1	...	4.3	13.5
84	36	City Site Ests	63	...	...	...	...
12½	6½	Clarke Nickolls	7 †	...	...	1.8	14.6
87½	71½	Compco	77½	...	...	6.3	—
56	30	Conrad Rtblat GS	32 †	+1	...	2.0	28.0
1755	1328	Daejan	1330	...	...	2.7	15.5
25½	5	Dares Estates	8½	...	...	...	...
156	99	Debenhm Twsn	99	-1	...	4.4	16.0
17	6	De Morgan	6	...	...	...	...
189	161	Dencora	164	...	...	2.5	46.1
347½	253	Derwent Hldgs	255	+2	...	2.3	22.6
41	21	Development Sec	24½	...	...	0.5	...
51	45	Dwyer	46	...	...	...	...
460	275	Estates Agency	325 †	...	...	4.0	39.3
47	18	Estates Gen	24	+½	...	...	...
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	112	...	...	2.8	19.6
43½	34	Ex-Lands	27½	...	...	1.9	—
80	65	Fiscal Prop	65 †	...	...	1.2	...
37	24	Five Oaks	24	...	...	1.0	...
78	45	Fletcher King	46	...	...	4.1	22.8
536	407	Frogmore	438 †	+10	...	4.9	15.8
325	228	Grainger	254	...	...	3.0	—
280	174	Gr Portland	185	-2	...	3.4	35.3
226½	118	Greycoat	121	...	...	...	...
269	149	HK Land	149	-2½	...	4.1	—
94	39	Hambro Cntyw	44	...	...	0.7	44.7
435	311	Hammerson	337 †	+2	...	3.7	33.8
390	298	Helical Bar	352 †	-1	...	2.1	12.6
40½	29½	Hemingway	30½	-½	...	1.6	52.4
78	24	Herring Baker	26	...	...	4.8	...
311½	136½	Jermyn	155 †	...	...	...	77.6
792	588	Land Sec	622	-2	...	4.8	17.7
122	86	Lon Merch Sec	98	+2	...	5.4	14.4
16	8	Lon & Metm	8	...	...	...	0.4
562	409	MEPC	428	+2	...	5.8	24.6
13½	6	McInerney A	6	...	...	...	...
190	164	Mckay Secs	187	...	...	3.6	17.9
85	59	Merivale Mre	69 †	...	...	3.6	10.6
55	27	Moorfield Est	32	...	...	3.9	...
1425	1159½	Mountview	1159½	...	...	2.4	11.5
196	144	Muckiow (A&J)	148	...	...	5.4	19.2
59	20	OEM	21	...	...	...	...
64	34	Olives Prop	34	...	...	...	12.7
191	145	PSIT	146	...	...	4.0	20.7
399	241	Peel	242	...	...	3.3	—
162	145	Pillar Prop	153	+1	...	3.0	...
12½	3	Power Corp	3	...	...	...	...
9½	4½	Premier Land	5½	...	...	...	...
53	32	Raglan	33	...	...	...	12.1
40	29½	Regalian	29½	-½	...	...	9.7
180	140	Rowlinson Secs	170	...	...	1.3	10.8
134	106	Rugby Est	107 †	...	...	2.6	...
64	45	St Modwen Prp	51½	...	...	2.9	12.8
78	59	Saville Grdn (J)	66 †	...	...	5.1	19.2
100	63	Savills	63	...	...	4.5	10.2
108	82	Scot Met	85	-1	...	2.3	...
135	99	Shaftesbury	99	...	...	...	...
307	221	Slough Estates	227	+3	...	4.5	48.5
103	56	Southend Prop	57	...	...	5.3	...
133	106	Specty Shops	108	...	...	2.8	...
50	10	Stanhope Prps	11	...	...	...	...
39	34	TBI	36	...	...	...	2.0
244	167	Tops Ests	168	...	...	1.6	40.0
163	116	Town Centre	122	...	...	4.0	—
107	90	Trafford Park	90 †	...	...	4.4	—
58	28	Uk Land	47	...	...	...	...
317	220	Warner	224	-1	...	6.2	21.5
260	218	Warnford	225	...	...	4.4	18.4
7½	1½	Waterglade	2 #	...	...	...	...
103½	63	Wates	70	...	...	...	...
105	68	Wood John D	70	...	...	3.6	—

SHOES, LEATHER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagic	37	...	...	...	...
173	163	Chamb Phipps	169	+2	...	5.4	22.2
202½	135	Lambert	136 †	...	...	6.3	12.0
75	53	Pittards	68	...	...	3.3	...
26	19	Strong & Fisher	21	...	...	6.0	14.3
181½	151½	Stylo	165	...	...	2.0	11.1
69	50	UK Safety	50	...	...	6.6	12.0

TEXTILES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	488	Allied Text	508	...	...	3.2	15.6
71	40	Beckman (A)	40 †	...	...	11.2	—
39½	15½	Bolton Gp	17	...	...	...	...
226	171	Br Mohair	199 †	...	...	5.3	20.5
385	292	Claremont Ga	313 †	+4	...	3.0	17.4
593	451	Courtauld Text	490 †	+3	...	3.7	22.0
159½	119	Dawson	139	-3	...	2.7	...
42	28	Drummond	29	...	...	...	12.9
80	72	Faupel	75	...	...	8.2	12.7
29	18	Foster (John)	19	...	...	...	...
169	113	Gaskell	145 †	...	...	3.7	...
33	29½	Helene Plc	29½	...	...	8.7	11.9
263	222	Hicking Pntcst	234	-1	...	2.5	16.6
73	55	Jerome (S)	60 †	...	...	1.7	7.6
485	333	Lamont	359	...	...	4.4	11.8
340	265	Leeds	278	+3	...	2.7	14.2
101	68	Lyles (S)	84	-1	...	5.4	8.5
266	171	Parkland	171	-2	...	3.7	10.2
112	77	Readicut	80	...	...	5.3	13.8
70	46	SEET	46	...	...	...	...
146	98	Sirdar	98 †	...	...	6.9	14.2
64	50	Stirling Gp	60	...	...	4.0	16.6
46	33	Stoddard	34	+1	...	5.9	12.8
330	214	Tomkinsons	214	...	...	6.7	20.2
49	34	West Trust	34 †	...	...	9.2	23.8
280	239	Yorklyde	270	+1	...	2.8	13.1

TOBACCOS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	372	BAT	444 †	-6	...	5.8	11.6
489	337	Rothmans	412	-1	...	4.0	22.0

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
317½	228	Assoc Br Ports	275 †	-3	...	2.2	21.9
541½	440	BAA	507	-4	...	2.2	21.6
128	103½	Badgerline	119 †	...	...	4.3	...
496½	344	Br Airways	374	-4	...	3.7	11.7
108	75	Clarkson (H)	91 †	+1	...	2.4	22.9
592½	210	Eurotunnel Uts	211	-9	...	...	...
87	50	Fisher (James)	50	...	...	...	...
155	126½	IoM Steam	128 †	...	...	4.3	9.8
63	39	Jacobs (JI)	55 †	...	...	3.8	...
111	89	Lon O'Seas Frts	89 †	...	...	5.2	2.1
534	380	Mersey Docks	400 †	...	...	3.0	19.4
347	245	Natl Express	309 †	+1	...	3.1	17.8
291	157	NFC	177	-1	...	5.0	22.2
348	246	Ocean Group	258 †	...	...	6.9	13.0
91	58	Ocean Wilson	71	...	...	3.6	9.1
743	593	P & O Dfd	616 †	+1	...	4.1	19.1
201	153	P & O 5.5%	200	+1	...	3.4	...
705	546	Powell Duffryn	546	-5	...	5.4	15.5
102	84	Seacon	97	...	...	3.0	22.0
218	158	Stagecoach	218	+2	...	2.4	21.7
131	85½	TNT	109	...	...	...	...
915	703	Tibbet & Britn	715 †	...	...	2.6	18.3
79	27	Tiphook	36	+1	...	...	...
327	197	TDG	211 †	...	...	5.6	14.2
136	98	Ugland	135	...	...	0.7	—
160	95	Utd Carriers	103 †	...	...	1.9	...

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian	549	+12	...	5.2	14.3
365	293	Mid Kent Hdgs	325	...	...	4.4	11.0
751	508	Northumbrian	687	+12	...	4.4	7.4
611	454	North West	561	+7	...	5.1	8.4
645	457	Severn Trent	570	+6	...	5.0	8.0
662	466	Southern	600	+7	...	4.8	8.7
1740	1525	South Staffs	1730	...	...	3.8	11.5
675	484	South West	534	+6	...	6.0	7.0
611	434½	Thames	527	+4	...	5.3	9.1
744	546	Welsh	657	+13	...	4.8	7.2
759½	551	Wessex	631	+12	...	4.7	8.4
630	458	Yorkshire	531	+2	...	5.4	7.9

Source: Finstat

♦ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; † Ex capital distribution; — Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103	100	Treas 9% 1994	100 †	...	8.97	...
107	101	Treas 12% 1995	101	-	11.81	5.68
98	97	Gas 3% 1990-95	98	+	3.04	5.58
107	102	Exch 10¼% 1995	102	...	9.97	6.49
113	105	Treas 12¾% 1995	106 †	...	12.01	6.83
117	107	Treas 14% 1996	108	-	12.95	7.08
121	111	Treas 15¼% 1996	111 †	-	13.69	7.33
117	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	108 †	-	12.20	7.40
112	103	Conv 10% 1996	104 †	-	9.59	7.71
121	110	Treas 13¼% 1997	110	-	11.96	7.88
114	104	Exch 10½% 1997	105	-	9.97	7.91
110	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	101	-	8.62	8.10
131	116	Exch 15% 1997	117	-	12.73	8.23
114	102	Exch 9¾% 1998	103	-	9.39	8.32
106	95	Treas 7¼% 1998	96	-	7.49	8.29
102	93	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95 †	-	7.09	8.30
131	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	116	-	12.00	8.50
140	122	Treas 15½% 1998	123	-	12.58	8.38
125	110	Exch 12% 1998	111 †	-	10.73	8.47
116	101	Treas 9½% 1999	103	-	9.18	8.46

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	88	Treas 6% 1999	90	-	6.64	8.44
128	111	Exch 12¼% 1999	113	-	10.81	8.55
121	105	Treas 10½% 1999	107 †	-	9.79	8.54
121	104	Conv 10¼% 1999	106 †	-	9.61	8.59
116	99	Conv 9% 2000	101	-	8.84	8.53
136	116	Treas 13% 2000	118	-	10.94	8.71
106	88	Treas 7% 2001	91 †	-	7.64	8.59
122	103	Treas 10% 2001	106	-	9.43	8.69
123	102	Treas 9¾% 2002	105	-	9.24	8.75
113	93	Treas 8% 2003	95	-	8.34	8.68
127	104	Treas 10% 2003	107	-	9.29	8.74
129	109	Treas 11½% 2001-04	112	-	10.23	8.88
86	69	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72	-	4.80	7.47
105	84	Treas 6¾% 2004	87	-	7.70	8.58
125	101	Conv 9½% 2004	105 †	-	9.00	8.66
125	102	Conv 9½% 2005	105	-	8.98	8.64
143	118	Treas 12½% 2003-05	121	-	10.27	8.97
111	91	Treas 8% 2002-06	93	-	8.37	8.63
112	90	Treas 7¾% 2006	93	-	8.25	8.57
130	112	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	115	-	10.15	8.97
119	95	Treas 8½% 2007	99	-	8.57	8.58
151	124	Treas 13½% 2004-08	128	-	10.52	8.97
124	99	Treas 9% 2008	103	-	8.71	8.56

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	91	Treas 8% 2009	95	-	8.40	8.55
126	100	Conv 9% 2011	103	-	8.66	8.53
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	104	-	8.63	8.51
93	71	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74	-	7.30	8.26
114	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	93	-	8.29	8.45
119	92	Treas 8% 2013	95	-	8.37	8.46
159	126	Exch 12% 2013-17	130	-	9.19	8.67
128	99	Treas 8¾% 2017	102	-	8.50	8.44

UNDATED

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54	39	War Ln 3½%	41	-	8.44	...
37	27	Treas 2½%	29	-	8.60	...

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
203	197	Treas IL 2% 1996	200	...	2.56	4.00
117	106	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107	...	2.63	3.50
176	163	Treas IL 2½% 2001	166	-	3.33	3.78
173	159	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162 †	-	3.45	3.80
118	107	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	108 †	-	3.47	3.81
184	165	Treas IL 2% 2006	168	-	3.54	3.80
168	149	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152 †	-	3.59	3.82
173	154	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157	-	3.62	3.83
148	126	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129	-	3.64	3.83
157	134	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138	-	3.68	3.86
152	128	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132	-	3.72	3.87
129	106	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110	-	3.70	3.84
128	105	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109	-	3.74	3.88

Slow start to financial year for WH Smith

BY MARTIN BARROW, CITY NEWS EDITOR

W.H. SMITH, the retailing and newspaper distribution group, said that deflationary pressure on prices remained strong, forcing the company to maintain tight control on costs to protect margins.

However, Jeremy Hardie, chairman, told shareholders at the company's annual meeting in London yesterday that prospects in the run-up to the crucial Christmas trading season "are still encouraging". The Christmas product range was "the best for many years", he said, and so-called value offers "will be stronger than ever".

WH Smith shares eased 1p to 452p, against a high for the year of 549p.

The company suffered a slow start to the current financial year, begun in June, particularly in the UK retailing businesses, where several weeks of good weather discouraged consumers from spending money. However, trading had improved since August, Mr Hardie said, and had been helped by new products, aggressive price promotions and cooler weather.

Trading in the second half would benefit from record capital expenditure of £140 million, a large part of which was invested in the first half. W.H. Smith Retail, Virgin and Waterstone's will all open new or enlarged stores over the next few weeks, in time for Christmas, and the full benefit of the extra retailing space would lift second-half figures.

The company reiterated its belief that a "significant and growing difference" between the first and second halves of the financial year has emerged, with a major shift in the balance of consumer spending in the high street from November and December to December and January.

"With less money to spend, consumers have kept most of it in their pockets until well into December and left themselves with something to spare for the January sales," Mr Hardie said. As a result, Smith's first-half results contributed a declining proportion of total profits, a trend that was likely to continue.

In the last full financial year, Smith increased pre-tax profits to £124.8 million before exceptional items, from £110.4 million, but concerns about the subdued start to the current year and the increased capital spend prompted analysts to downgrade profit forecasts from about £144 million to £137 million, rising to £150 million in the following year.

Some of the recent uncertainty surrounding Smith's prospects can be attributed to the future of the Net Book Agreement, which is the subject of a review by the Restrictive Practices Court. Smith, which has 23 per cent of the book market through its main retail outlets and the Waterstone chain, has thrown its weight behind retaining the NBA.



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Hew Balfour, of Havelock, which is paying its first interimm dividend in three years

Havelock trebles profits

BY OUR CITY NEWS EDITOR

HAVELOCK Europa, the shopfitting company, is paying its first interim dividend since 1991 after trebling profits and reporting a buoyant order book.

Hew Balfour, chief executive, said the company expected to pay a final dividend of not less than 1.75p a share, which would increase the total payout to 2.75p for the year from 2p.

In the six months to June 30, pre-tax profits increased to £1.56 million from £505,000, with earnings rising to 5.2p a share from 1.9p. The interim dividend is 1p, to be paid on December 22.

The company, which designs, manufactures and installs commercial interiors in retailing and financial services, said the second half would continue to be stronger than the first, although the imbalance would not be as pronounced as in 1993. Further growth was expected in all sectors. Prospects were particularly good in financial services, with customers including National Westminster, the Post Office and the Benefits Agency.

Turnover rose to £15.73 million (£12.67 million), with operating profits increasing to £1.52 million (£603,000). There was a net cash balance of £2.4 million at June 30, representing a £4.5 million improvement on net debt of £2.1 million a year ago.

MCI lifts earnings in third quarter

BY OUR CITY NEWS EDITOR

MCI Communications Corp, the American telecoms group in which BT has a 20 per cent interest as part of a global alliance, lifted third-quarter net income by 26 per cent to $220 million from $174 million.

Revenues at the Washington company rose 12 per cent in the three months to September to $3.407 billion from $3.05 billion, and earnings rose to 38 cents a share from 30 cents.

Nine-month figures showed net income growing 36 per cent to $644 million from $475 million on revenues up to $9.94 billion from $8.79 billion. Earnings were $1.11 a share, rising from 85 cents a year earlier, when there was an extraordinary charge of 8 cents against early retirement of debt.

In a move that mirrors BT's strategy on this side of the Atlantic, the company said it expects to drive costs down in the fourth quarter, although there will be a $70 million start-up cost for Network MCI, the multimedia business service launched last month.

"Our goal is to drive expenditure down in absolute dollars in the fourth quarter, excepting this cost," said Doug Maine, MCI's chief financial officer.

He said operating income would continue to rise, but revenues may in future tail off. With $3.4 billion in cash at the end of the third quarter, no net interest charges are expected for the fourth quarter.

Concert, an international business communications venture owned 75 per cent by BT and 25 per cent by MCI, is expected to lose between $10 million and $15 million in the fourth quarter, having only begun operations in the summer, he said.

MCI said its international services grew by 20 per cent in the year to September 30 and were a key driver of success in the consumer markets. It said 1-800-COLLECT, introduced in 1993, had call volume doubling per day since the start of the year.

Aminex buys two oil services companies

AMINEX, the Irish oil company, is buying two oilfield service companies through the issue of 613,316 shares, equal to 1.8 per cent of the equity. The acquisitions are Offshore Drilling Supplies, an oilfield supply company with operations based in Aberdeen and Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, and Halyard Offshore, which specialises in offshore marine consulting and the management of oil industry support vessels.

The vendors of Halyard include East West Oil, a major shareholder in Aminex, and Brian Hall, the Aminex chairman. The acquisitions will form the basis of a newly created oilfield service and supply division that will be used to supply Western oilfield goods and services to the countries of the former Soviet Union, and also to the group's own Russian operations. Aminex reported pre-tax profits of Ir£517,000 in the six months to June 30, compared with a loss of Ir£124,860 in the previous first half. Earnings per share were 0.01p, offsetting an interim 0.01p loss per share last year.

Nokia looks to London

NOKIA, Europe's leading manufacturer of mobile phones, is considering listing its tyre unit on the London Stock Exchange in conjunction with the sell-off of a majority of the subsidiary. The Finnish group said it intends to retain a substantial minority stake in Nokia Tyres. The announcement accompanied eight-month figures showing pre-tax profit surging to 2.29 billion Finnish marks (£302 million) from Fmk 466 million. Net profit was Fmk 1.67 billion (Fmk 269 million).

Seafield back in black

SEAFIELD, the transport company that beat off an attempt to unseat two directors in June, has built a bridge to its largest shareholder, Fidex International Trust. Jonathan Glanz will represent Fidex, an 18 per cent shareholder, on the Seafield board. Seafield moved back into the black in the six months to June 30 with an interim pre-tax profit of £220,000 (£1.1 million loss) at the same stage last year. The dividend is again passed. The profit per share was 0.33p (1.6p loss).

Glenchewton trims loss

GLENCHEWTON, the importer and distributor of toys, cut pre-tax losses to £293,000, from £463,000, in the half year to June 30, but gave warning that disappointing performance would continue in the basketware business, inhibiting second-half progress. Losses eased to 1.32p a share (2.09p), but there is again no interim dividend. Matt McBride, chief executive, said the core houseware and toy business had better sales. Full-year group profits in 1993 were £606,000.

Le Creuset passes payout

THE interim dividend is again passed at Le Creuset, the French kitchenware maker, after a fall in pre-tax profits from £1.2 million to £1.1 million in the six months to June 30. Operating profits fell from £1.9 million to £1.7 million, but lower interest charges and a cut in the tax bill helped earnings per share to rise from 4.8p to 5p. Paul van Zuydam, chairman, said sales in the third quarter "maintained the same satisfactory trend as in the first half".

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ACCOUNTANCY

Charity begins at the Treasury

BY ADRIAN RANDALL

Charities will continue to have considerable problems on matters of taxation while we, the public, or, more importantly, the Government fail to understand the purpose of charity.

The 1601 Statute of Charitable Uses set out in its preamble a list of ten objectives from which have evolved the four that we recognise today: the relief of poverty; the advancement of education; the advancement of religion; and other purposes beneficial to the community.

One of those ten objectives was stated as being: "Ease of any poor inhabitants concerning payment of fifteen's, setting of soldiers and other taxes."

Archaic language, no doubt, but perhaps now is the time, in the run-up to the 1994 Budget, to be reminding the Government of that particular objective as charities face an ever-increasing tax bill.

Many people believe that giving and spending in the name of charity should be totally free of tax in any form whatsoever, be it corporation, inheritance, VAT, direct or indirect, local or national; indeed many already think that it is. Utopian this may be, but the tax burden for charities has grown so much, it could be argued, that something must be done.

The Charities' Tax Reform Group (CTRG) has been trying for a number of years to get the Government to listen and has, perhaps wisely, abandoned its previous "shopping basket" approach by going for the proposal of a refund mechanism scheme, so far without much success.

Successive Chancellors have rejected it, first by attempting to avoid the issue by claiming it would contravene EC regulations and, when that was shown to be incorrect, by choosing to ignore the request altogether. CTRG should keep up its efforts. Short of the complete abolition of VAT for charities, another Utopian dream, the refund mechanism scheme is probably the best solution.

Many ministers and senior EU officials have shown little willingness to support amendments to the Sixth Directive, which would have greatly eased the burden of charities. They have indicated that it is unlikely that VAT relief for charities can be granted through the VAT system, hence the idea of a refund mechanism proposed both by CTRG and its EU equivalent, the European Charities Committee on VAT, to introduce a matching grant system outside the VAT regime.

The idea would be to compensate charities for all or part of their VAT burden, probably not as part of the VAT system but as part of public expenditure. There would need to be agreement at EC level in order to avoid arguments over unfair competition, an area in which much work needs to be done before 1996.



Adrian Randall believes it is time to review tough tax laws

It is a great shame that in July the Charities Deregulation Task-Force failed to persuade the relevant government departments to accept any of its major proposals on the form of tax. As the report itself says when describing the annual irrecoverable VAT cost of more than £335 million: "This burden is particularly iniquitous as charities are increasingly being called upon to complement and replace services formerly provided by the State and yet the more charities do and therefore spend, the greater their irrecoverable VAT. Charities are enabling the Government to cut back on state provision but are being taxed for doing so."

The Treasury, Inland Revenue and HM Customs & Excise responded somewhat predictably. Out of the 30 recommendations on tax reform, they collectively rejected 22 and said they would review and look further at four, accepted in part (but only in a very minor way) three and accepted fully one. In fact, the one they accepted was something that they had already done and related to the updating of ESC C4 to make it more easily understood.

I would wholeheartedly endorse the sentiments expressed by the tax sub-group of the Charities Deregulation Task-Force, particularly its desire to see at least further simplification of the tax rules, and, even more, the review of areas, such as trading, that continue to plague charities.

However, it is worth repeating that until there is a government that really understands fully what charity is all about (ie its purpose) we will continue to have a tax minefield for charities which will go on ravaging them.

The author is a director of Moores Rowland's charities unit and an expert on charity taxation.

Institute in need of a heart transplant

THE technical department of the English ICA has, as politicians used to say, lost an empire and not yet found a role. As the technical heart of the largest accounting body in the land, it used to have clout. It didn't always use it. But if it really needed to it could argue with great authority.

Then came the Financial Reporting Council and the Accounting Standards Board. Both were spawned by the English ICA and both are independent of it. But it is with the FRC and the ASB that the technical work of the profession now resides. When new accounting standards need to be created or updated it is the ASB that obliges. If a new and unforeseen area of corporate disclosure requires attention, the Urgent Issues Task Force, less urgent than it sounds, provides the ASB with stop-gap rulings. If broader areas of financial reporting need attention, the FRC directs the process. And if a company's accounts need to be hauled in for an explanation of what on earth they mean, the Review Panel of the FRC carries out the operation.

Meanwhile, back at the English ICA, the technical directorate is left wondering what its role really is. The technical side of accounting is obviously the heart of the institute. It is a profession's body of knowledge which provides its *raison d'être*.



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But equally in these increasingly politicised times, a profession can find it much more attractive to divert its attention to what it will call public interest issues. Matters of regulation, standards, discipline and what the secretariat sees as "interfacing with government" becomes much more interesting and time-consuming. The technical expertise starts to become marginalised as the province of the boffins in the back room.

This has two results. Resources are diverted away from the institute's heartland. And, despite the excellent work of the technical directorate, not much is heard of it.

This is ridiculous. When specific disasters befall the corporate sector, the public wants action from the FRC and the ASB. But on the other technical issues it should be hearing explanations from the English ICA. Traditionally, this has not happened. The institute has always been scared rigid that any sort of guidance or public advice will be used against it should something of mere concern now, turn into a court case later.

In the meantime, the institute's comparative silence on technical matters results in a diminution of reputation and influence.

At one time, the large accounting firms would happily second bright technical staff to the institute, knowing that they would return enhanced by the experience. These days, they second staff to all manner of other organisations, in the belief that more business will come their way as a result. The value of a stint in the institute's technical department has become devalued.

The institute has recognised this and is wondering what to do. The first answer has been, inevitably, to set up a working party to look at the issues. The second answer has to be to ensure that resources are provided to build the technical side into a force recognised outside the institute. This is the hard part. In terms of finance and staffing, the technical resources are not far short of what is required. What is desperately needed is a cultural change. An accountancy body which has lost sight of where its heart lies is going to find it very difficult to put that right. But it has to if it is to regain any influence.

There are any number of issues which cry out for support: the disclosure of directors' options, for example. In May, it became apparent that proper disclosure of the value of options could not, in the view of lawyers, be made mandatory. But under the Cadbury principles it has to be. "Shareholders", said the report, "are entitled to a full and clear statement of directors' present and future benefits, and of how they have been determined."

Since the Urgent Issues Task Force discovered that the law would not support this principle, an extraordinary dance has occurred. Every source of muscle, such as the Bank of England, the Stock Exchange and the DTI, has been asked to support it. And each of them in turn has tried to get rid of the ball, via a hospital pass, to some other supposedly reputable quasi-regulatory body.

Meanwhile, the value of options has been estimated by *Company Reporting*: "Total unrealised gains from outstanding options are worth more than total annual 'basic emoluments' ... and the total fair value of exercised options is more than three times as much as total annual bonuses for the companies concerned." This is precisely the sort of issue that needs the attention of a refocused institute technical department.

Kiwi bearing fruit

AS THE large firms continue to detail the threat they face from unlimited liability they have also taken to clutching at straws from overseas. In Britain, the firms are lobbying the Government to change section 310 of the Companies Act so that they can limit their liability client by client. In New Zealand, the new Companies Act does just that. And furthermore it was done without any lobbying. According to one senior partner "the minister approached the accounting profession and said, 'I'm minded to change the Act — any objections?' ". Oh for some antipodean directness here.

Called to book

THE great spat between the English ICA and the certified accountants, the ACCA, left the English brigade with egg on its face. But it is trying to make amends. The current display in the front of its bookshop at Moorgate Place is wall-to-wall ACCA textbooks.

That figures

THE traditional wheeze for bringing your services to a sector's notice is a survey. So it comes as no surprise to find Baker Tilly producing a survey of what lawyers want from their accountants. What does surprise are some of the findings. Given the lag in charge-out rates, who would have thought that fat-cat law firms could possibly find accountants' fees of any consequence? But they do: 30.5 per cent thought them "either high, or very high". But on the other hand, they are complimentary over the battleground of tax advice. More than 55 per cent thought it either "good" or "excellent".

Rice Pollock

WHAT Baker Tilly should have produced was a survey of restaurateurs. Its head office is about a chopstick's length from Wagamama, one of London's trendiest Japanese restaurants. Many a partner has slurped the noodles in the hope that the audit, rather than the green tea, might follow. Sadly for them, the five-partner City firm of Rees Pollock has snapped it up. Tough sushi.

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New manager

REPLACING Ramon Pajares as general manager of the Four Seasons hotel in Park Lane will be John Stauss, now general manager of the Four Seasons in Nevis in the Caribbean. Pajares joins the Savoy Group next month as managing director.

Change

THE 24 Friendly Hotels in Britain will be rebranded next month as either Comfort Inns or Quality Hotels, part of the Choice International hotel network. The Friendly chain is becoming a franchisee of Choice, which operates or franchises more than 3,200 hotels in 34 countries. Friendly will also take over the management of London's 125-room Comfort Inn.

In the swim

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Sheraton Hotels has been voted by readers of *Business Traveller* magazine as the best hotel chain worldwide.

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DAVID CHURCHILL

Faraway trips prompt green fears

Marianne Curphey on moves to make tourists more careful with the ecology

British travellers may worry about the damage that tourism causes to the environment but one in ten of them nevertheless prefers to holiday in remote and unspoilt areas, researchers claim.

Increasing numbers of "eco-tourists", as they are known in the travel industry, are prepared to pay a premium to travel to the quietest corners of the globe. Within the past five years, wildlife trips have become available to ordinary tourists, rather than just to highly equipped adventurers — last year, for example, about 6,500 visitors went to Antarctica on wildlife cruises.

Dick Sisman, the chairman of Green Flag International, a lobby group established four years ago to promote conservation in tourism, suggests that travellers who want to be "green" should use small, privately run guest houses and hotels, shops and public transport, and employ local people as guides.

"Holiday planning should include the consideration of the effect of your visit, especially in the world's most beautiful places," he says. "Look at the environmental content of brochures. Try to travel with a company that shows it has taken account of environmental issues in putting together holiday programmes."

He says tourists need to contribute towards the protection of things they travel to see and to be encouraged to make a donation towards local wildlife and countryside management projects.

Speaking at a conference on green tourism in London last week, he said the UK travel industry cared little for the environment and was more interested in moving large volumes at low prices — the "pack and dash" concept.

According to Bernard Lane, director of rural tourism at Bristol University, "eco-tourists" tend to be middle-class, with above-average education and income, and are seasoned travellers. The numbers of such tourists are growing in Britain and make up a significant proportion of holidaymakers in Germany and the United States, but are extremely small in Japan, except among young Japanese travellers.

Trisha Barnett, of the pressure group Tourism Concern, believes governments that have recently opened up their countries to the tourist trade have almost all failed to exercise control over planning and expansion — with "disastrous" effects on the local population.

"People are displaced from their lands, homes and livelihoods; others see foreigners with wealth they know they can never have but they will do anything to try to obtain it, and a country's culture becomes a commodity that is put on show for tourists," she says. "Few countries are able to contain and control tourism unless they are financially supported by the World Bank."

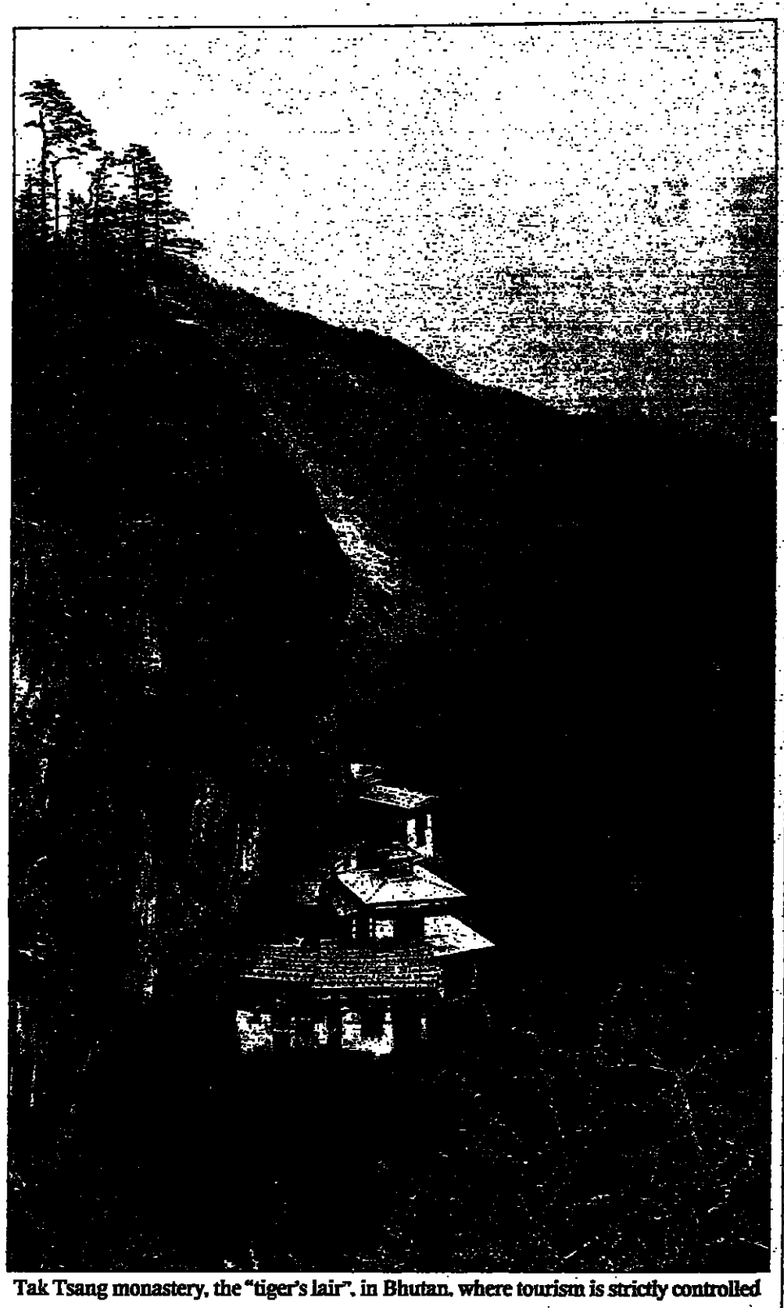
STA Travel, which specialises in long-haul flights, says the exceptions are the Seychelles, which unashamedly targets upmarket tourists and honeymooners, and the Himalayan mountain kingdom of Bhutan, which has restricted the number of tourists entering the country and requires them to spend a minimum amount while they are there.

Bhutan had been tempted to ban tourists completely, but instead decided to restrict the number to 4,000 a year to preserve its cultural identity. Thirty years ago, the country was isolated from the outside world as a matter of official policy, and had no infrastructure. It still views progress suspiciously: there are few industries, and a law requires that the kingdom's forest cover must never go below 60 per cent. It is currently 65 per cent.

Bhutan's greatest fear is that the kingdom could go the way of Nepal, which suffers from too many tourists. It has banned both unaccompanied trekking and the construction of more hotels in Thimphu, the capital.

David Ould, of the newly formed Coalition on Child Prostitution and Tourism, an organisation set up to fight sex tourism, says researchers have found evidence that more children turn to begging when tourists arrive.

In resort areas of The Gambia there has been a rise in begging, prostitution and crime commensurate with an increase in tourists. The story is the same in Cuba, Kenya and Nepal, he says.



Tak Tsang monastery, the "tiger's lair", in Bhutan, where tourism is strictly controlled

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The airline, like most of its competitors within Europe, is wooing passengers to its main "hub" airport with a series of cheap deals from the regions. A passenger living in a remote part of France and wanting to visit Delhi, for example, could find it cheaper and more convenient to fly to Heathrow from his local airport and catch a BA service to India than to use Air France from Paris.

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Travel and transport are once again dominating the drama known as "Politics and the Environment". It is a production which has gone on for decades, with so many sub-plots that it now appears likely to continue endlessly.

For the moment the motor car, with its alleged crimes against society, is the central character. Traffic growth, say the environmentalists, is unsustainable. They estimate that roads cost at least £12 billion a year in environmental damage and measures must be taken now to combat it.

It is all highly charged and made more so with calls for additional taxation and a doubling of the annual 5 per cent increase in fuel duty already decided upon.

"We must now accept that supply of road space is simply not going to expand in line with demand. We are now in the foothills of an inexorable rethinking of trunk road policy," said Dr Phil Goodwin of the transport studies unit at Oxford University.

"In Stockholm in 1972, I heard the same arguments put forward at "Only one Earth", the first conference held by the United Nations on the environment. I remember being both worried and depressed by hearing that "the cities of the rich suffer from their own special destroyer — the private car, which takes all the room you give it and cries out for more".

At the time, the answer seemed so obvious: curb the number of cars, stop building roads, use the railways for freight movements and reopen canals. Britain would become Elysium almost overnight.

It did not happen. There were then 16.1 million cars and lorries on the roads. Now there are 25 million. Thousands of miles of new roads have been built, the rail network is collapsing and canals remain clogged and unused.

In 1972 the price of a gallon of petrol was 35p. A year later the oil-producing countries more than doubled the cost of a barrel of crude. By 1975 the price of a gallon of petrol had more than doubled to 71.5p. Yet the number of cars and lorries on the road went on increasing.

Why should another sharp rise in price cut road use now? This is where politics takes a hand. The Government wants to increase revenue and transport has become easy prey. The airport departure tax, for example, was announced with hardly a complaint. Already, it is rumoured, there are plans to increase it even before it has been put into effect.

Green pressure can make even a 31p-a-gallon increase in fuel tax seem sensible. To the delight of the Treasury, this would raise £3 billion a year with, apparently, little of the odium normally associated with tax increases.

This particular act is likely to reach a climax at the end of the month with the publication of the report of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, before the drama fades away as as ministers "consult" over what is politically acceptable as well as environmentally sensible.

But there are more clashes to come. Waiting in the wings is Rucatse — the committee which reported on airport runway capacity to serve the South East. Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, will find this problem even more difficult than that of the motor car versus roads.

On the one hand there are those who say Heathrow and Gatwick must not be expanded, that no more runways should be built until Stansted has been filled, and that even if more concrete does have to be poured it should be away from habitation, perhaps on an estuary island. The airlines, on the other, argue that any delay would be "dangerously misconceived", that London as a gateway cannot be diminished, that Heathrow and Gatwick are approaching gridlock, that people prefer to use those two airports, and that you must follow the market and cannot create it.

Nobody has the slightest idea how this conundrum will be resolved, although the betting is that no politician would dare to give the go-ahead for further runway development with an election only two years away.

After that comes the inquiry into Heathrow's fifth terminal, the development of Redhill and Northolt, whether Liverpool should be given an airport to compete with Manchester in size and potential and measures to limit aero engine emissions.

Caribbean boom

Britons are flocking to the sunshine islands, says **Gill Williams**

The Caribbean has become Britain's fastest-growing long-haul destination, with winter bookings as much as 65 per cent up on last year, and holidaymakers ignoring cheap deals in favour of packages worth £1,000 or more.

The most significant growth has been reported by tour operators at the luxury end of the market using scheduled flights.

Caribbean Connections and British Airways Holidays claim that sales of their scheduled flight holidays have increased 60-65 per cent compared with winter 1993-94.

BA Holidays Worldwide product manager Derek Shanks said: "The Caribbean has been steadily increasing in popularity during the last couple of years since Florida took a downturn." Bookings for summer 1995 were four times higher than those received by this time last year.

The rival Caribbean Connections reports growth in demand for holidays that may cost more than £20,000 for a family of four. The managing director, Michael Edwards, said people reluctant to spend so much during the early years of the recession were once more demanding luxury. "This has been our busiest ever year for club class. Our average winter booking for two people is between £6,000 and £8,000 and an £18,000-plus booking is an hourly occurrence. Today we have taken a booking for £26,000 for three people which will involve Concorde both ways to Barbados and staying at the exclusive Sandy Lane for Christmas."

Such is the demand that tour operators are struggling to find rooms in expensive resorts. One property that charges £650 per room per night during Christmas is already full.

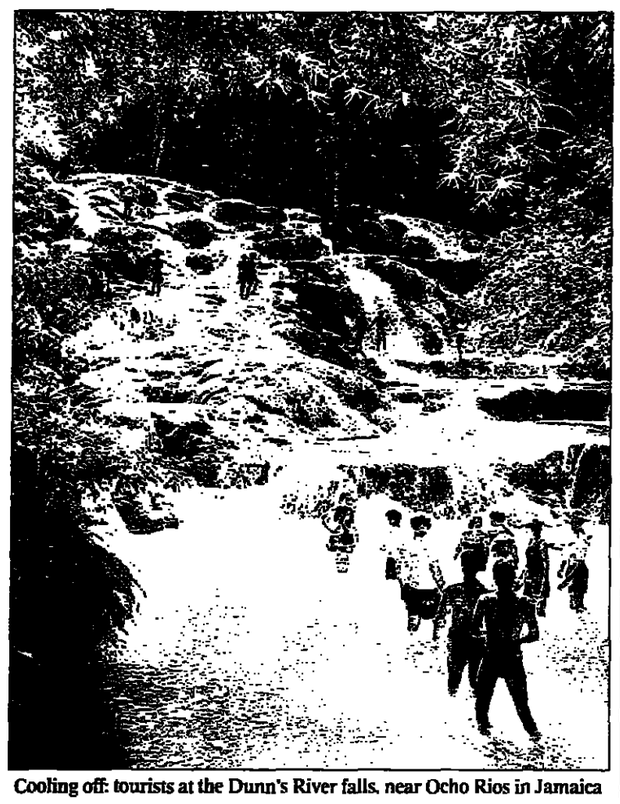
Charter tour operators say their passengers are also spending more on Caribbean holidays. Unijet's Caribbean product manager, Ian Roberts, said budget room-only stays at £399 were the last to sell and tended to go to late-availability impulse buyers.

The low-cost charters introduced to the Caribbean in the early 1990s were responsible for stimulating demand for the region. Interest was further awakened during 1993 when worries about the number of attacks upon holidaymakers in Florida drove the British further south.

Mr Roberts said people were becoming more familiar with the Caribbean and wanted value for money rather than a cheap deal. All-inclusive holidays, in which everything from meals and drinks to water sports and entertainment were prepaid, had become particularly strong sellers.

Thomson Holidays, Britain's largest tour operator, claims Caribbean bookings are 30 per cent up this year and the range had already been enlarged to cope with extra demand. "We sell some late availability at the low prices but the interesting trend has been the growth in all-inclusives," said long-haul programme director Joanna Edmunds. Prices ranged from £850 for two weeks all-inclusive in the Dominican Republic to more than £2,000 for properties such as Sandals or Le Sport on St Lucia.

Some islands have performed better than others. The tour operator Kuoni reports that Barbados and St Lucia have sold particularly well this year, with the Caymans and Bahamas expected to show growth thanks to the introduction of direct flights.



Cooling off: tourists at the Dunn's River falls, near Ocho Rios in Jamaica

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Hitched on the beach

MORE than 10,000 British couples will marry on an exotic foreign beach this year, says the tour company Airtours. The trend, it says, is growing — encouraged, no doubt, by the £9,000 average cost of a traditional white wedding in Britain, excluding honeymoon. Like most big tour operators, Airtours "weddings in paradise" packages cost from £199 a couple on top of the holiday cost for a basic ceremony in Jamaica, to £999 for a wedding in Bali.

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Jet-set sale

WHAT is claimed to be the world's first auction of commercial aircraft will be held in Las Vegas when more than 40 civilian airliners will be offered at Bally's Casino on November 3. Many have been "mothballed" in the Nevada desert and it is hoped that economic recovery will revive demand.

Croatia returns

CROATIA could be on the brink of a comeback as a holiday destination for British tourists. Phoenix Holidays took 7,000 British holidaymakers to Istria and Slovenia this year and expects to increase that to 11,000 next year. Now Inspirations has produced a brochure on the Istrian Riviera. Prices for a week near Pula start at £169 from Gatwick, Manchester, Newcastle and Glasgow.

Twitcher pitch

THE Northern Ireland Tourist Board has produced a dedicated birdwatching brochure detailing 65 key areas for "twitcher" bird spotters. Several hotels and guest houses offer special weekends for birdwatchers, including the Portaferry Hotel on Strangford Lough, where a two-night birdwatching "safari" costs £119 per person.

Virgin loses edge

As competing carriers upgrade their business classes, Virgin Atlantic's Upper Class (Virgin's Business class brand) is losing its selling edge in the seat pitch stakes. Leg room, or seat pitch in airline terminology, is the distance between two seats one behind the other in an upright position. On a long-distance trip it is one of the most important guides to comfort.

When Virgin's Upper Class was launched in the Eighties, its 55 inches gave it a clear lead over other airlines' business classes. Indeed its comfort was on a par with some airlines' first classes. Several years on, and Upper Class handsomely outguns British Airways' equivalent Club World product with its 40 inches of pitch.

But since last year, other carriers have started upgrading their products. The US airline Continental (which competes with Virgin on the London to New York run), along with Air Canada, has matched Virgin's 55 inches. While Japan's ANA and JAL (which compete against Virgin on the London to Tokyo route) are close behind with 50 inches, while Australia's Qantas has begun fitting its entire fleet with new 50-inch pitch seats.

Several others are not far behind. US airline Northwest, Holland's KLM and Austrian Airlines all provide 47 inches of leg room while Lauda Air (another Austrian carrier) and Canadian Airlines boast 46 and 45 inches respectively.

Only the big airlines like British Airways, Air France and Lufthansa remain behind with their 40 inches. For now, the big boys can compete by virtue of their market clout and route networks. But for how much longer?

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Inherent power to rectify order

Islam v Askar

Before Lord Justice Steyn, Lord Justice Hirst and Sir John May

[Judgment October 13]

The court had an inherent power to rectify a Tomlin order [made on the staying of an action on agreed terms scheduled to the order] where the order mistakenly did not reflect the agreement correctly.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal brought by the plaintiff, Nazrul Islam, against Judge Head at King's Lynn County Court who on March 22, 1993 had allowed the appeal of the defendant, Ali Askar, against District Judge Dunkley who (i) removed a stay following the settlement of the action between the plaintiff and the defendant, (ii) dismissed the plaintiff's application for summary judgment and (iii) struck out the plaintiff's claim as embarrassing.

Mr David Foskett, QC, for the plaintiff; Mr Michael Yelton and Mr David Berry, solicitor, for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE STEYN said that in March 1989, the plaintiff, the defendant and one other person entered into a partnership in connection with a restaurant in Norfolk. The business was substantially funded by the plaintiff with a loan from a bank.

On October 5, 1990 the plaintiff gave notice of dissolution of the partnership and on November 21 instituted proceedings for the winding-up of the partnership.

On December 19 at a meeting between the plaintiff and the defendant, the defendant agreed to buy out the plaintiff for £67,000 of which £20,000 was to be paid within seven days and the remainder in weekly instalments of £500. Subsequently, the defendant intimated that he would probably review his offer to £25,000 and weekly payments of £300.

On December 23 in a fax from the defendant's solicitors to the plaintiff's solicitors, an offer of £67,000 was made of which £20,000 was to be payable immediately and the balance at £350 a week. The plaintiff's solicitors accepted that offer in a fax dated December 24 and asked for £20,000 by January 8 and instalments commencing one week later. On January 2, the defendant's solicitors sent a fax referring to the formalities including the need for a Tomlin order.

On January 20, there was due to take place a pre-trial review of the partnership proceedings. The draft Tomlin order was sent by the defendant's solicitors. The plaintiff's solicitors mistakenly agreed the terms of the Tomlin order which provided for monthly payments and for an indemnity for other creditors and also mistakenly indicated that the figure for the balance as £40,000 instead of £47,000. The order was made incorporating the three mistakes.

On January 23, the plaintiff's solicitors pointed out the mistake of £40,000. That was conceded by the defendant's solicitors and corrected by the court on January 26. On March 10, the defendant's solicitors wrote to the plaintiff's solicitors saying that they had received the court order but that they did not have a statement as to how the plaintiff inuended to pay off the bank and indicated that the £20,000 would not be paid until they had proof that the bank had been paid.

They also said that they had advised their client to start paying off the monthly instalments. On March 26, the plaintiff's solicitors drew attention to the two other mistakes and wrote to the defendant's solicitors and the court accordingly. The defendant's solicitors replied that they were not prepared to renegotiate the terms of the agreed settlement.

On May 19, Deputy District Judge Nash-Williams refused the plaintiff's application to correct the Tomlin order under the slip rule in Order 15, rule 5 of the County Court Rules (SI 1986 SI 1687/L20)).

The plaintiff gave notice of an application seeking a re-hearing of the matter and the removal of the stay on the ground that the order of January 26 which purported to be by consent did not reflect the true agreement between the parties. Before District Judge Dunkley the stay was removed.

The defendant gave notice of appeal. The plaintiff issued particulars of claim suing upon the agreement of December 23 and 24. The plaintiff then applied for summary judgment in the new action.

At the hearing before Judge Head, he set aside the district judge's order lifting the stay and dismissed the application for summary judgment.

Several issues fell to be considered:

1 Was an agreement concluded (a) by the exchange of fax communications on December 23 and 24 or (b) by the exchange of fax communications on December 24 and January 2. Contrary to the judge's finding of fact, his Lordship answered (1)(a) in the affirmative.

2 Was the agreement sufficiently certain to be enforceable? Contrary to the judge's ruling on that legal issue, his Lordship would say yes.

3 Was the agreement varied by an agreement made between the solicitors? In his Lordship's judgment, he found that suggestion by the defendant's solicitor wholly disingenuous. There was no hint that the plaintiff was volunteering to reduce the price. The balance paid weekly would have been cleared in four years; paid monthly it would take 11 years which would substantially reduce what the plaintiff received. The suggestion that the plaintiff would do that voluntarily was absurd.

4 Did the court have an inherent power to order the rectification of a Tomlin order where the order mistakenly did not reflect the agreement correctly and the counterparty was aware of that fact and sought to take advantage of the mistake?

Mr Yelton submitted that while it would be possible to obtain rectification of an antecedent agreement with a separate action it was not possible to do so in the same proceedings.

His Lordship found that a curious submission. The purpose of a Tomlin order was that the matter could be dealt with in the same proceedings. Mr Yelton also submitted that there was no inherent jurisdiction to make the order. His Lordship was content that there was inherent power.

Mr Yelton raised another technical point that the schedule to the order in which the errors had appeared were not part of the order. To that, his Lordship said "So what". The purpose of rectification was to correct the record of the court.

5 Was the court precluded from rectifying the order by the failed and unappealed application under the slip rule?

Mr Yelton invoked *res judicata* and abuse of process. Order 15, rule 5 of the County Court Rules was extremely narrow. His Lordship could see no reason if the court ruled that a case fell the wrong side of the line, that a party could not then invoke the wider power of the court.

His Lordship would order rectification of the schedule and accordingly the whole sum of £67,000, of which not one penny had been paid, now fell due.

Lord Justice Hirst and Sir John May agreed.

Solicitors: Stoneham Langon & Passmore, Saffron Walden; Berry & Walton, King's Lynn.

Admissibility of evidence of money

Regina v Morris

Before Lord Justice Rose, Mr Justice Morland and Mrs Justice Steel

[Judgment October 14]

Evidence of large amounts of money in the possession of a defendant, or an extravagant life style on his part, *prima facie* explicable only if derived from drug dealing, was admissible in cases of possession of drugs with intent to supply if it was of probative significance to an issue in the case.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in allowing an appeal by Diane Morris against her conviction in June 1993 at Kingston upon Thames Crown Court (Judge Macrae and a jury) of possession of a Class A drug, heroin, with intent to supply, for which she was sentenced, in February 1994, to seven years imprisonment. A confiscation order was also made.

Mr Simon Pensol, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Miss M. J. S. Mowat for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE MORLAND, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that the appellant was arrested at her parents' address. She was said to be holding a number of bags including her handbag containing £102 cash and £991.17 in a purse and a white carrier bag containing £5,000 cash.

She was said to have run into the house as plain-clothed police officers approached, dropping the bags outside the house, save the white carrier bag which she dropped inside it. During the course of a strip search 17.74gm of heroin were said to have been retrieved from her bra. Various quantities of cash and a red notebook containing names and figures were seized during a search of her home address.

Leave was given to adduce the evidence of the money found but unfortunately the judge did not, either in his ruling or in summing up, spell out the inferences which he considered capable of being drawn by the jury from that evidence.

In argument before the Court of Appeal reference was made to two cases: *R v Batt* (*The Times* April 25) and *R v Wright* ([1994] Crim LR 55).

In both cases the defendants were charged with possession of drugs with intent to supply. In both cases the question for the Court of Appeal was whether evidence of money *prima facie* under the defendant's control found by the police or customs officers was admissible.

In *Batt*'s case the court held that the evidence was not admissible but in *Wright*'s case that it was. Although their Lordships did not question the actual decision in *Batt* or *Wright* on their own particular facts, they found it difficult to accept that different approaches to the principle of admissibility of evidence of moneys in the possession of a defendant could be right.

In their Lordships' view both cases were drug trading cases. In *Batt*'s case the amount and nature of the cannabis found and the scales in the defendant's house established that whoever was the possessor of the cannabis was in possession as a commercial retailer.

In *Wright* the evidence of moneys found at a flat which he used was capable of having probative significance because the inference could be drawn that he went, as a drug dealer, to Heathrow in a hired car, knowing that it contained cocaine which was there for supply to another.

The fact that a defendant gave an explanation for possession of large sums of money did not of itself render such evidence inadmissible. The Crown might be able to rebut such an explanation.

If a judge decided that such evidence was admissible in law he had then to decide whether or not to admit it in his discretion, having regard to its probative value and its prejudicial effect.

If such evidence was admitted it was incumbent upon the judge to spell out to the jury what its probative significance could be while making it clear to the jury that it was for them to decide whether it had or had not that probative significance.

The judge had then to warn the jury that, if they reached the conclusion that the defendant was a drug dealer that was not of itself either evidence of possession of drugs on a particular occasion or a basis for disbelieving a defendant.

In the present case, because of the manner in which that evidence was admitted and the failure of the judge to give proper directions about it, the conviction was unsafe and unsatisfactory.

A retrial was ordered.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Surbiton.

Denial of justice to wife in divorce

Lawlor v Lawlor

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Hoffmann and Sir Francis Purchas

[Judgment October 14]

A wife was entitled to defend a fault-based divorce petition served on her by her husband and the refusal to grant her leave to apply to file an answer out of time by eight or nine days was a denial of justice.

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing the appeal of Mrs Mary Taylor Lawlor against the dismissal by Judge Morgan at Southport County Court on June 23, 1993, of her appeal from the refusal by District Judge Pomfret on May 19, 1993, of leave to file an answer to the petition of her husband, Mr William George Lawlor, for divorce.

Mrs Lawlor in person; Miss Eithne Ryan for the husband.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said that solicitors then acting for Mrs Lawlor for some unexplained reason failed to file an answer on her behalf indicating her intention to defend within the 21 days required by rule 2.12 of the Family Proceedings Rules (SI 1991 No 1247) and attempted to do so eight or nine days late.

Following the district judge's refusal and the judge's dismissal of Mrs Lawlor's appeal the divorce petition proceeded by special procedure. The registrar's certificate was given and the decree nisi was pronounced on August 24, 1993.

Mrs Lawlor applied to the Court of Appeal for leave to appeal but that application was unknown to the Southport district registry who granted the decree absolute on November 11, 1993, four days before the Court of Appeal granted leave to appeal. No blame could be attached to anyone in respect of the decree absolute.

In her Ladyships's judgment both the district judge and the circuit judge were plainly wrong in the exercise of their discretion. There was no note of the district judge's judgment but from a comment of the judge the district judge saw the answer as Mrs Lawlor causing trouble. He assessed the prospects of success and decided that reconciliation was unlikely and although she had denied her alleged behaviour she had made some admissions which might in themselves have been sufficient for the husband to succeed.

Her Ladyship said that that was not the right approach. A distinction was to be drawn between an answer a few days out of time and one which was a considerable period out of time.

Leave should have been given unless an answer was considered by the court, to whom application had been made for leave to file it, to be an abuse of the process of the court such as being frivolous, irrelevant or such as to justify an application to strike out the pleading.

On those criteria it could not be said that Mrs Lawlor's answer was hopeless or ought to be struck out.

The fact that at the end of the day a wife might lose and that her view of a reconciliation was misguided or that she had made admissions which might in themselves amount to support for the petition was not a good reason at that early stage of proceedings to prevent her side of the case from being heard or from denying her the chance to oppose the petition.

We did not yet live with no-fault divorce legislation and it could not be assumed that a woman defending a petition was out to cause trouble. It was unjust for the district judge to have formed that opinion and his approach flawed his exercise of discretion.

On a delay of eight or nine days the district judge should have given leave to file her answer out of time and the refusal to do so was a denial of justice. The result was that the decree nisi should never have been granted by special procedure and both it and the decree absolute would have to be set aside.

It was fortunate that Mr Lawlor had not remarried.

Lord Justice Hoffmann and Sir Francis Purchas agreed.

Solicitors: Brown Turner Compton Carr & Co, Southport.

Gift delivered to church cannot be reclaimed

In re Holy Trinity, Bath

A couple who gave a church an electric organ to enhance the musical quality of worship in that church did not have a legitimate claim for its possession after they had expressed their intention of making it a gift to the church and when the organ had been delivered and installed within that church.

Mr Timothy Briden, Chancellor of the Diocese of Bath and Wells, so held in the Bath and Wells Consistory Court on July 29, when dismissing the application of Mr David Curry and Mrs Gale Curry for the repossession of the electric organ they had given to the church of Holy Trinity, Bath in January 1991.

THE CHANCELLOR said that the relevant principles had been considered by Chancellor Calcutt in *In re Escot Church* ([1979] Fam 125, 127) where he adopted the proposition contained in paragraph 24 of *Burn's Ecclesiastical Law* (sixth edition (1797) p377) that:

"A person may give or dedicate goods to God's service in such a church, and deliver them into the custody of the churchwardens, and thereby the property is immediately changed.

"And if a man erect a pew in the church, or hang up a bell in the steeple, they do thereby become church goods (though they are not expressly given to the church), and he may not afterwards remove them; if he does, the churchwardens may sue him."

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Breach in journalist's conviction for aiding race hatred dissemination

Jersild v Denmark

(Case No 36/1993/431/510)

Before R. Ryssdal, President and Judges R. Bernhardt, F. Golcuklu, R. Macdonald, C. Russo, A. Spielmann, N. Valticos, S. K. Martens, E. Palm, R. Pekkanen, A. N. Loizou, J. M. Morenilla, M. A. Lopes Rocha, L. Wildhaber, G. Mifsud Bonnici, J. Makarczyk, D. Gotchev, B. Repik and A. Philip, *ad hoc* judge

Acting Registrar H. Petzold

[Judgment September 23]

The conviction of a journalist for aiding and abetting the dissemination of racist remarks, contrary to national law, was a violation of his freedom of expression guaranteed by article 10 of the Convention of Human Rights.

The European Court of Human Rights so held, by twelve votes to seven, in finding that Denmark had violated the freedom of expression of Mr Jens Olaf Jersild, an employee of the Danish Broadcasting Corporation.

Article 10 of the Convention provides:

"1 Everyone has the right to freedom of expression. This right shall include freedom to hold opinions and to receive and impart information and ideas without interference by public authority and regardless of frontiers. This article shall not prevent states from requiring the licensing of broadcasting, television or cinema enterprises.

"2 The exercise of these freedoms, since it carries with it duties and responsibilities, may be subject to such formalities, conditions, restrictions or penalties as are prescribed by law and are necessary in a democratic society, in the interests of national security, territorial integrity or public safety, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals, for the protection of the reputation or rights of others, for preventing the disclosure of information received in confidence, or for maintaining the authority and impartiality of the judiciary.

Mr Jersild, a Danish national, a journalist who lived in Copenhagen, was at the time of the events giving rise to the present case, employed by Denmarks Radio, assigned to its Sunday news magazine (*Sondagsavisen*).

On May 31, 1985 the newspaper *Information* published an article describing the racist attitudes of a group of young people, called the greenjackets at Osterbro in Copenhagen. In the light of that article the editors of the Sunday news magazine decided to produce a documentary on the greenjackets.

Subsequently, the applicant contacted representatives of the group, inviting three of them to take part in a television interview. During the interview, which was conducted by the applicant, the three greenjackets made abusive and derogatory remarks about immigrants and ethnic groups in Denmark.

It lasted between five and six hours, of which between two and two and a half hours were video-recorded. The applicant subsequently edited and cut the film on the interview down to a few minutes containing crude remarks. On July 21, 1985 that was broadcast by the Danish Broadcasting Corporation.

Subsequently, criminal proceedings were brought, under article 266(b) of the penal code, against the three young people for their racist statements and, under article 266(b) in conjunction with article 23, against the applicant and the head of the Danish Broadcasting Corporation's news section for aiding and abetting their dissemination.

At the relevant time article 266(b) of the penal code provided:

"Any person who, publicly or with the intention of disseminating it to a wide circle (*videre kreds*) of people, makes a statement, or other communication, threatening, insulting or degrading a group of persons on account of their race, colour, national or ethnic origin or belief shall be liable to a fine or to simple detention or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years."

Article 23 provided: "[1] A provision establishing a criminal offence shall apply to any person who has assisted the commission of the offence by instigation, advice or action. The punishment may be reduced if the person in question only intended to give assistance of minor importance or to strengthen an intent already resolved or if the offence has not been completed or an intended assistance failed."

On April 24, 1987 the Copenhagen City Court convicted them. Mr Jersild was fined 1,000 Danish kroner. He and the head of the news section appealed from the city court's judgment, which was however upheld by the High Court of Eastern Denmark and the Supreme Court.

The application made on July 25, 1989 was declared admissible by the European Commission of Human Rights on September 8, 1992.

Having attempted unsuccessfully to achieve a friendly settlement, the Commission drew up a report on July 8, 1993 in which it established the facts of the case and expressed the opinion that there had been a violation of article 10 (twelve votes to four).

The case was referred to the Court by the Commission on September 9, 1993 and by the Government of Denmark on October 11, 1993.

In its judgment the European Court of Human Rights held:

I Alleged violation of article 10

The only point at issue was whether the conviction and sentence of Mr Jersild were necessary in a democratic society.

The Court emphasised at the outset that it was particularly conscious of the vital importance of combating racial discrimination in all its forms and manifestations. The object and purpose of the 1965 International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination (the UN Convention) were of great weight in determining whether the applicant's conviction, which, as the Government had stressed, was based on a provision enacted in order to ensure Denmark's compliance with the UN Convention, was necessary within the meaning of article 10, paragraph 2.

Denmark's obligations under article 10 had to be interpreted, to the extent possible, so as to be reconcilable with its obligations under the UN Convention.

In that respect it was not for the Court to interpret the due regard clause in article 4 of the UN Convention [paragraph (a) of which stipulated that states parties should declare an offence punishable by law all dissemination of ideas based on racial superiority and hatred] which was open to various constrictions.

The Court was however of the opinion that its interpretation of article 10 of the European Convention in the present case was compatible with Denmark's obligations under the UN Convention.

The significant feature of the case was that the applicant had not made the objectionable statements himself but had assisted in their dissemination in his capacity of television journalist. Regard was therefore had to the principles established in the case law relating to the role of the press, as summarised in, for instance, *The Observer and Guardian v United Kingdom* (*The Times* November 27, 1991; Series A, No 216, paragraph 59).

The Court reiterated that freedom of expression constituted one of the essential foundations of a democratic society and that the safeguards to be afforded to the press were of particular importance.

While the press must not overstep the bounds set, *inter alia*, in the interest of the the protection of the reputation and rights of others, it was nevertheless incumbent on it to impart information and ideas of public interest.

Not only did the press have the task of imparting such information and ideas: the public also had the right to receive them. Were it otherwise, the press would be unable to play a vital role of public watchdog.

Although formulated primarily with regard to the print media, those principles doubtless applied also to the audio-visual media.

In considering the duties and responsibilities of a journalist, the potential impact of the medium concerned was an important factor and it was commonly acknowledged that audio-visual media had often a much more immediate and powerful effect than the print media. The audio-visual media had means of conveying through images meanings which the print media were not able to impart.

At the same time, the methods of objective and balanced reporting might vary considerably depending among other things on the medium in question. It was not for the Court, nor for the national courts for that matter, to substitute their views for those of the press as to what technique of reporting should be adopted by journalists.

In that context the Court recalled that article 10 protected not only the substance of the ideas and information expressed, but also the form in which they were conveyed: see *Oberschlick v Austria* (*The Times* August 20, 1991; Series A, No 204, paragraph 57).

The Danish courts laid considerable emphasis on the fact that the applicant had himself taken the initiative of preparing the greenjackets feature and that he knew in advance that racist statements were likely to be made during the interview and had encouraged such statements.

He had edited the programme in such a way as to include the offensive assertions. Without his involvement, the remarks would not have been disseminated to a wide circle of people and would thus not have been punishable.

The Court was satisfied that these were relevant reasons for the purposes of paragraph 2 of article 10.

On the other hand, the feature, taken as a whole, could not objectively have appeared to have had as its purpose the propagation of racist views and ideas. The Court saw no cause to question the Sunday news magazine staff members' own appreciation of the news or information value of the impugned item. It was broadcast as part of a serious Danish news programme intended for a well informed audience.

Admittedly the item did not explicitly recall the immorality, dangers and unlawfulness of the promotion of racial hatred and of ideas of superiority of one race. However, in view of certain counter-balancing elements in the programme and the natural limitations on spelling out such elements in a short item within a longer programme as well as the journalist's discretion as to the form of expression used, the absence of such precautionary reminders were not relevant.

News reporting based on interviews, whether edited or not, constituted one of the most important means whereby the press was able to play its vital role of public watchdog.

The punishment of a journalist for assisting in the dissemination of statements made by another person in an interview would seriously hamper the contribution of the press to discussions of matters of public interest and should not be envisaged unless there were particularly strong reasons for doing so. In that regard, the limited nature of the fine was irrelevant, what mattered was that the journalist was convicted.

The remarks in respect of which the greenjackets were convicted were clearly insulting to members of the targeted groups and did not enjoy the protection of article 10.

However, even having regard to the manner in which the applicant prepared the greenjackets item, it had not been shown that, considered as a whole, the feature was such as to justify also his conviction of, and punishment for a criminal offence under the penal code.

Although the purpose of the applicant in compiling the broadcast was not racist, it did not appear from the reasoning in the relevant judgments that the judges took such a factor into account.

The reasons adduced in support of the applicant's conviction and sentence were therefore not sufficient to establish convincingly that the interference was necessary in a democratic society; in particular, the means employed were disproportionate to the aim of protecting the rights and reputation of others.

The Court therefore held, by twelve votes to seven, Judges Ryssdal, Bernhardt, Spielman, Loizou, Golcuklu, Russo and Valticos dissenting, that there had been a violation of article 10 of the Convention.

II Application of article 50

The Court ordered the reimbursement of the fine imposed upon the applicant and allowed in full his claim in respect of costs and expenses, Judges Golcuklu and Valticos dissenting, and held unanimously that the finding of a violation constituted adequate just satisfaction of his claim for non-pecuniary damage.

Scots Law Report October 20 1994 Court of Session

Statutory entitlement of landlord to terminate lease

Blythswood Investments (Scotland) Ltd v Clydesdale Electrical Stores Ltd

Before Lord Cullen

[Judgment August 10]

Where a landlord was by statute entitled to terminate a lease only if in all the circumstances a "fair and reasonable" landlord would have done so, and he founded, *inter alia*, upon the fact that he stood to gain from the termination, that was not necessarily irrelevant to his case.

Lord Cullen, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, repelling a preliminary plea to the relevancy by the defenders and allowing proof before answer in a commercial action brought by Blythswood Investments (Scotland) Ltd against Clydesdale Electrical Stores Ltd, and Duncan Donald McGrouther, Allan Griffiths and Malcolm Brown Shierson, as joint receivers thereof, concluding for declarator of irritancy of two leases over subjects in Renfrewshire which had been assigned to the first defenders.

Section 5 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1985 provides, *inter alia*:

"(1) Subject to subsection (2) below, a landlord shall not, for the purpose of treating a lease as terminated or terminating it, be entitled to rely (a) on a provision in the lease which purports to ... enable the landlord to terminate it, in the event ... of a change in the tenant's circumstances ... if in all the circumstances of the case a fair and reasonable landlord would not seek so to rely.

"(2) No provision of a lease shall of itself, irrespective of the particular circumstances of the case, be held to be unenforceably by virtue of subsection (1) above."

Mr Ian Mitchell, QC, for the pursuers: Mr Roy Martin, QC and Mr Aidan O'Neill for the defenders.

LORD CULLEN said that the pursuers founded on a provision in the leases which entitled them at their opinion to exercise an irritancy in the event of, *inter alia*, a receiver being appointed to the tenants. On January 28, 1994, the second defenders had been appointed as such receivers. On March 7 the pursuers had written to them giving notice that they thereby irritated the leases.

In seeking declarator of irritancy, the defenders founded, *inter alia*, on their averment that at the time of the irritancy, a reputable third party had been willing to take an assignation of the leases, which would, however, have required the pursuers' consent.

The pursuers averred that certain features of the leases, relating to the tenants' obligation to repair, rent review, managment and insurance, were not in accordance with modern practice and that depressed their commercial value.

Further, the sub-rentals received by the first defenders were at such a level that they subsidised the head rental, the tenant rather than the landlord obtaining the benefit of that level of rental. In the circumstances the incurring of the irritancy gave the pursuers the opportunity to pursue their objectives of investment in and improvement of the whole estate of the which the subjects formed part.

They averred that a fair and reasonable landlord would have considered, *inter alia*, the position of the potential assignee including the circumstance that the landlord was prepared to offer the proffered assignee a direct lease of the subjects and that any increase in rent which the proffered assignees might require to pay in the character of a new tenant rather than as an assignee under the old lease would be counterbalanced by the circumstance that the new tenant would not require to pay a *grassum* for the new lease as he would have done for an assignation.

The defenders submitted that section 5(1) referred to an objective standard; subsection (1) did not refer to the actual landlord but to a hypothetical landlord. Accordingly, it was irrelevant to take into account the interests of the actual landlord which were extraneous to the lease.

It might have been expected that if the question had been whether it would have been penal for an irritancy clause to be relied on in the circumstances of a particular case, that would have involved a comparison between the prejudice occasioned to the landlord by the event which provided the ground for exercising the option to irritate and the prejudice which would be suffered by the tenant if the option was enforced.

While in a particular case the landlord might stand to obtain a significant benefit from the exercise of the option that would have been foreign to such an assessment as to whether the enforcement of the irritancy clause was penal or not. It might well have formed part of what motivated the landlord but would not form part of the grounds for its exercise.

However, following the recommendation by the Scottish Law Commission the draftsman of section 5 had not made the enforceability of an irritancy depend on whether it would be penal or not. The test which had been adopted was not directed to the avoidance of a certain nature of result but to the way in which a fair and reasonable landlord would act. That appeared to his Lordship to be of considerable significance when considering the relevancy of the pursuers' averments.

His Lordship was not impressed with the argument that "a fair and reasonable" landlord fell to be distinguished from the actual landlord. The provision involved considering what a fair and reasonable landlord would have done in what counsel had described as the factual matrix of the particular case.

The pursuers' case was founded on the advantages which they would be able to attain by exercising the irritancy and accordingly reorganising the way in which the subjects were let as a part of the whole estate. Those advantages would represent the removal of disadvantages suffered by them before the receivership.

The language of section 5(1) and in particular the words "in all the circumstances of the case" were of such width that his Lordship was unable to exclude the subject-matter of the pursuers' averments.

However, his Lordship had to add that while that was in his view the result of the width of language used in the section, he was not wholly confident that it was a result which the Scottish Law Commission had had in contemplation.

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European Law Report — Luxembourg

Hallmark rules are lawful

Criminal proceedings against Ludomira Houtwipper

(Case C-293/93)

Before J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, President of Fifth Chamber and Judges R. Joliet, G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, F. Grevisse and M. Zuleeg

Advocate General C. Gulmann

(Opinion June 9)

[Judgment September 15]

National rules which prohibited trade in articles of precious metals not bearing certain marks were considered by the Court of Justice of the European Communities in relation to the compatibility with article 30 of the EEC Treaty covering the elimination of restrictions on the free movement of goods.

The court gave judgment on a reference for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the Treaty by the Arrondissementsrechtbank, Zutphen, The Netherlands, in criminal proceedings against Mrs Ludomira Neeltje Barbara Houtwipper who had been charged with having had in her possession or traded gold and silver rings not bearing the hallmark required by the *Waarborgwet* 1986, the Dutch law on guaranteed standards for precious metals.

The *Waarborgwet* provided for the guaranteeing of specified standards of fineness in articles of precious metal by hallmarks affixed by a legal person appointed to test articles for that purpose, acting completely independently, and required works of precious metal to bear, *inter alia*, a mark of fineness, the mark of the official body which carried out the hallmarking, and a letter indicating the date.

Article 30 of the *Waarborgwet* prohibited dealers from possessing or trading in works of precious metal not hallmarked pursuant to the law, but article 48 excepted such works imported from Belgium or Luxembourg that had been officially hallmarked in those countries.

The national court considered that the effect of the *Waarborgwet* was to prohibit trade in gold and silver articles imported into The Netherlands which did not bear a Dutch, Belgian or Luxembourg hallmark, even if they bore the hallmark of another member state, and referred the question whether a provision such as article 30 of the *Waarborgwet* was compatible with article 30 of the EEC Treaty.

The Court of Justice (Fifth Chamber) ruled as follows:

1 Article 30 of the Treaty did not preclude the application of national rules prohibiting the sale of articles of precious metals not bearing a hallmark indicating their fineness in accordance with those rules, provided that those articles did not bear a hallmark, in accordance with the legislation of the member state of exportation, containing information which was equivalent to that provided by the hallmarks required by the rules of the member state of importation and was intelligible to consumers in that member state.

2 Where national rules required the hallmark to be affixed by an independent body, the marketing of articles of precious metals imported from other member states could not be prohibited if those articles had in fact been hallmarked by an independent body in the member state of exportation.

3 The findings of fact required in order to determine the equivalence of the information provided by the hallmark were a matter for the national court, which had also to examine whether the articles of precious metal had been hallmarked by an independent body in the member state of exportation.

3 Article 30 of the Treaty precluded the application of national rules which prohibited the marketing of articles of precious metals which did not indicate the date of their manufacture, where those articles had been lawfully marketed without that indication in other member states from which they had been imported.



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The art of slavery receives belated recognition, courtesy of a free-market millionaire



Fine lines from the high priest of hate couture

CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** is impressed, despite himself, by *Pulp Fiction* the latest collection of designer violence by Quentin Tarantino; plus more from the Grisham mill



Uma Thurman and John Travolta tango until they drop in a scene from Quentin Tarantino's darkly humorous and ultra-violent *Pulp Fiction*

Two dictionary definitions of the word "pulp" launch **Pulp Fiction**, Quentin Tarantino's rollercoaster ride through the Los Angeles underworld of hit-men, molls, boxers and Mr Bigs. "A soft, moist, shapeless mass of matter" is the first. This is not Tarantino's pulp, unless it refers to the bloodied state his characters reach after a violent confrontation. He is, after all, the director of *Reservoir Dogs*, and he does not believe in pinpricks.

The second definition is: "A magazine or book containing lurid subject matter and being characteristically printed on rough, unfinished paper." Lurid? Certainly: the script's three main stories, meshed together with diabolical ingenuity, involve drug overdoses, botched shootings, sado-masochistic doings in pawn shops, death in a lavatory, all wrapped in the kind of dialogue that stings the ears.

But where is the rough, unfinished paper? For the abiding impression of this flamboyant homage to the cheap crime fiction of the 1930s and 1940s is of plush settings and vast expense. With *Reservoir Dogs* and a bankroll from the Miramax company behind him, Tarantino called upon the services of Bruce Willis, John Travolta, Uma Thurman, Samuel L. Jackson, Rosanna Arquette and Christopher Walken, among others.

He also spent pots of money building a themed restaurant called Jack Rabbit Slim's: an incredible temple to 1950s pop culture, where diners sit in converted convertibles and the waiter resembles Buddy Holly. Granted control over the final editing, Tarantino let many sequences run on well past their bedtime, and eventually produced a fat film two-and-a-half hours long.

But if there is too much swagger to *Pulp Fiction*, at least Tarantino has something to boast about. His ear for dialogue is extraordinary; and he gives his characters so many quirks that you never know what they will prattle about next — television pilots, quotations from Ezekiel, women's pot bellies, or the French names for hamburgers. The script is published by Faber & Faber at £7.99, so you can savour such details at your leisure.

Performances match the script's exuberance. Rescued from trash like *Look Who's Talking*, Travolta (*see feature below*) reveals hidden strengths as the hitman Vincent (long hair, one earring), whose uneasy night out with his boss's wife climaxes in a drug overdose. In the middle stretch, Willis, hair shaved to stubble, plays the double-crossing boxer with a short fuse, trying to escape with his French girlfriend before retribution comes.

No one character, however, can claim supremacy. Tarantino constantly throws in monkey wrenches, yanking the stories back on themselves, and injecting amusements such as Harvey Keitel's Mr Wolf, summoned to help Travolta and Jackson hide a headless corpse and clean up a blood-spattered Chevy.

Throughout *Pulp Fiction* dark comedy and hard violence run neck and neck. Tarantino does not paint a pretty picture of mankind. But the film's very gusto keeps total nihilism at bay; and while the over-indulgence may be regrettable, you have to admire the spectacle of a film-maker grabbing his talent and running hard.

In **The Client**, based on John Grisham's bestseller, everyone saunters. Maybe the director, Joel Schumacher, can never provide more than the obvious tricks that make up his visual style. From Susan Sarandon and Tommy Lee Jones, however, you expect better. Jones, cast as a preening attorney bearing down on 11 year-old Mark, the boy who knows the whereabouts of a Mafia body, turns his role into a carnival stunt: all Southern vowels and cheap villainy.

Sarandon, Mark's Memphis lawyer, behaves more seriously, although her scope is crushed by a role that bundles together too many clichés. A past alcoholic with a ruptured family life and a career to establish, Reggie Love was born to represent a penniless boy from another broken home, and the snug fit damages her credibility.

Schumacher starts in blunderbuss style, as Mark and his brother find a Mafia attorney attempting suicide. In a weary reprise of the visual hyphen, a gun thrust down a throat in one scene is followed by a cherry popped into a mouth in the next. The plot is equally lame: a routine matter of a plucky boy evading the clutches of Mafia heavies who belong in a cartoon. Brad Renfro (Mark) is appealing enough and never mugs, but neither he nor Sarandon make viable the film's occasional appeals for tears. Can any Grisham book make a satisfactory film?

Off to France for **L'Enfer**. Claude Chabrol's odd tale of sexual jealousy in a provincial hotel. Some oddities stem from the film's origins in an abandoned project of Henri-Georges Clouzot, icy director of *Les Diaboliques* and *The Wages of Fear*. Clouzot's script, prepared in 1964, has been partially updated: there are references to camcorders and video stores. But cobwebs remain to clog the characters' progress.

The hero, played by François Cluzet, pushes his jealousy to the point of madness; but for reel after reel his bouncy wife suffers the situation passively and never suggests getting professional help. Emmanuele Béart appears to feel the strain in a role once meant for Romy Schneider: there is something forced about her bubbly ways. Chabrol endows early scenes with an edgy quality but, as the plot grows unwieldy, the director who once made wonderful thrillers like *Le Boucher* and *Que la Bête meure* steadily disappears from view.

Brushing aside John G. Avildsen's dreadful **8 Seconds**, a biography of a short-lived rodeo rider that makes tiddlywinks seem an exciting sport, we come to a flurry of French revivals. Cocteau's 1950 classic **Orphée** has always had friends, and should win many more in the new print screened for two weeks at the National Film Theatre. Reality and fantasy rub shoulders as the Orpheus legend unfolds among the mirrors, radios, motorbikes and rubble of postwar Europe. Jean Marais's Orpheus is ruggedly handsome, although the face that haunts belongs to Maria Casarès as the lordly Princess who leads him into her midnight world.

Robert Bresson's austerely beautiful **Lancelot du Lac** is another matter, for audiences have grown used to being pelted with images. Bresson was ever the minimalist, and this 1974 treatment of the Round Table knights, their joustings and loves, displays his style with particular purity. A tournament is staged through fragmented shots of horses' feet, a few spectators and the jousters' weapons; but little means more with Bresson, and his spare shots stir the heart in a manner impossible with a second unit crew and a thousand extras. Expect no name actors either: Bresson chose unknowns, like Luc Simon, Laura Duke Condominas, and Vladimir Antokek-Oresek.

A rigorous film requires a rigorous spectator, and today's audiences are more impatient than those of 20 years ago. So take your time. Sink yourself into the rhythms of the shots, the fearful clatter of the armour, the concentration on gesture, on hands clasping objects or other hands. With luck you will find yourself watching what the film undoubtedly is: a masterpiece, one that strips the Arthurian legend of tinsel and shows the cruelty, loneliness and desperation hidden underneath.

Pulp Fiction
Warner West End
18, 153 mins
Quentin Tarantino's flamboyant crime epic

The Client
Warner West End
15, 121 mins
Mediocre version of John Grisham's thriller

L'Enfer
Curzon Phoenix
15, 100 mins
Curious thriller from Claude Chabrol

8 Seconds
MGM Trocadero
PG, 105 mins
The year's dullest film

Orphée
National Film Theatre
112 mins
Cocteau's classic version of the Orpheus legend

Lancelot du Lac
Everyman, PG, 84 mins
Minimalist masterpiece from Robert Bresson

Ah, ah, ah, ah, stayin' alive



John Travolta gives it some *Saturday Night Fever*

In one fell swoop, John Travolta goes from has-been to Oscar banker. Funny old game, the movies

Once flares came back into fashion, could John Travolta be far behind? Travolta's Hollywood rebirth as a heroin-soaked hitman in *Pulp Fiction* seems so unlikely, so . . . what? . . . so miraculous, that you wonder if maybe those tabloid sightings of Elvis buying pot noodles in Tesco are not so far-fetched after all.

Just when you had finally wiped your videos of *Saturday Night Fever* and *Grease* and dumped your white disco suit at the Oxfam shop, they are suddenly cult items. Even "iconic", for heaven's sake. For the first time in two decades, you can stand up in a smart Soho bar and shout, "John Travolta is cooler than an iceberg", and people won't snigger like hyenas. The only thing that might make Travolta lovers turn ugly is if a Bee Gees revival rides in on his coat tails.

After *Fever*'s frantic success, *Rolling Stone* magazine decided that Travolta "would be revered forever in the manner of Elvis, James Dean, Marilyn Monroe". Pauline Kael noticed "a vibrating physical sensitivity like that of a young Brando". And *Time* magazine was not too shy to mention him in the same breath as de Niro, Pacino and Hoffman. But Travolta then made half-a-dozen real stinkers, perhaps none worse that *Perfect*, in which he co-starred with Jamie Lee Curtis. Even Travolta began to believe that his Hollywood run had crested. Then his phone rang and it was Quentin Tarantino calling to offer him the role of sleazeball Vincent Vega. Travolta's life flipped over like a tossed coin.

"I'm sure Quentin had to fight to put me in the lead role because I'm a dead commodity as far as the film industry is concerned," Travolta says. But now "it smells like I'm going to get another shot at getting good scripts".

The swimming-pool-blue eyes are the same. So is the smile, and that bullseye dimple in his chin. Only his salary has changed: "*Pulp Fiction* is changing the perception of who I am in Hollywood." A grateful Travolta, now 40, did *Pulp Fiction* for peanuts. These days hot scripts choke his letterbox like junk mail, all with fat fees attached. The makers of his next movie, *Get Shorty*, are even paying Travolta a £1 million bonus if he takes home the Oscar for *Pulp Fiction*.

When *Pulp Fiction* won the Palme d'Or at Cannes, the judges praised the film's "parodic references" and its "luridly shot scenes of throwaway brutality".

Throwaway brutality? From the prancing finger-pointer of *Saturday Night Fever*? From the sugarplum who danced with Princess Di at the White House, and joined Prince Edward for *It's A Royal Knockout* at Alton Towers? Who cuddled babies in three *Look Who's Talking* films? Yes him, although the violence vexed him until he decided that the film's message — "You mess with drugs, you die" is how Travolta puts it — justified it.

And what about the parodic references? After a while you get used to blood and bodies in *Pulp Fiction*. For a real chill you have to wait for the bit where Travolta and Uma Thurman — the gangster's moll he is reluctantly minding for the evening — fetch up at a theme restaurant staffed by Monroe, Buddy Holly and James Dean lookalikes. Thurman asks him if he wants to twist with her on the dancefloor. As celluloid homages go, it may not be enough meat for a film school thesis, and Travolta may stammer that "the scene was in the original script, not written for me, and I was very pleased about that", but watching Travolta shift his hips to dance music certainly smells like a parodic reference to the audience. It may be the sweetest moment of the whole film.

JOE JOSEPH

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ROCK: France's quirky charmers hit back

Outlandos d'amour

Les Negresses Vertes
Café de Paris, W1

PLUS ça change? When the Paris-based octet Les Negresses Vertes last played in London two years ago, it was upon a tidal wave of euphoria. Two albums, *Mlah* and *Famille Nombreuse*, had done the unthinkable and grazed the upper reaches of the British charts. Combining gypsy guitars, Jamaican ska and an intensity garnered from Algerian rai rhythms, their urban folk music seemed to express perfectly the wild underside of France. Comparisons with the Pogues abounded, not least in the character of Helno, the lead singer whose heroin-related death last year threatened the continued existence of the band.

To their credit, Les Negresses have regrouped themselves with no loss of style. Stefane Mellino (guitar), Matias Canavese (accordion) and Paulo, a lanky, shadow-eyed part-time bassist, now share Helno's position. A new EP, "An Aperitif" and a forthcoming third album, *Zig Zague*, show that the band have lost little of their sense of fun. Touts outside the Café sensed as much: tickets for this sold-out show were exchanging hands for three times their face value. Apart from a wonky sound system that packed in for 30 minutes, it was money well spent, if only to see Les Negresses' splendidly awful suits, liquorice moustaches and percussionist Iza Mellino's expression of surly defiance. Canavese's fluid lines introduced "A Quoi Bon"; Mich Ochowiak gave a few trombone blasts, Paulo some wild shrieks, and the audience began clapping and stamping along to the French lyrics. It was the start of a flamboyant performance. Les Negresses' nominal blackness (and, for that matter, greenness) is meant to indicate their outsider status; it proves, at least, that an audience loves nothing better than an outlaw.

Although the aplomb with which "Orane", "Sous Le Soleil De Bodega" and the infectious anarchy of "Zobi La Mouche" were delivered encapsulated the band's energy, the new material was not lacking in verve. "Fanfaron" and "Mambo Show" possessed poignancy and *joie de vivre* in quantities that presage an auspicious future.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

THE MAGIC FLUTE: Martyn Brabbins makes his **ENO** debut tonight conducting Nicholas Hytner's classic staging of Mozart's masterpiece. Rebecca Caine makes her ENO debut as Pamina, Neill Archer is Tamino, Quentin Hayes is Papageno and Nan Christie is Queen of the Night. The production is revived by John Abulafia. **Coliseum**, St Martin's Lane WC2 (071-836 3161) Tonight, 7.30pm

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: Yehudi Menuhin conducts the orchestra tonight for a performance that celebrates "the simplicity of genius". Lynn Harrell is the soloist for a British first-half (Britten and Elgar): works by Mendelssohn and Mozart close the programme. **Festival Hall**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800) Tonight, 7.30pm.

GAUCHO. Doug Lucie directs his own play, set on a Greek island where an elusive drugs dealer grants an interview to a university friend and her chums who have secrets of their own. **Hampstead**, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301) Previews begin tonight, 8pm; opens Oct 24

ELSEWHERE

STRATFORD: Opening night for Alex Jennings and Stella Gonet as the will-be rapist and would-be nun in **Measure for Measure**. Steven Pimlott directs. Michael Feast plays the Duke

Royal Shakespeare, Waterside (0789 295623) Tonight, 7pm, returns Mon.

EDINBURGH Dundee Rep's production of Dorfman's masterly **Death and the Maiden** crosses the Firth. With Alison Peebles, Michael Mackenzie and Robert McIntosh. Kenny Ireland's production of *Dancing at Lughnasa* trades back the other way on Oct 25. **Royal Lyceum**, Grindlay St (031-229 9697) Free preview tonight, 7.45pm. Opens tomorrow, until Nov 5. Dundee Rep (0382 223530)

Also in Edinburgh, the great Rumanian pianist Radu Lupu joins the **Scottish Chamber Orchestra** for a programme of Kodaly's *Summer Evening*, Mozart's Piano Concerto No 27 K595 and Dvorak's *Czech Suite*. **Queen's Hall** Clerk Street (031-668 2019) Tonight, 7.45pm

ALDEBURGH The subject for this year's October festival is **Britten and the French Connection**. Poulenc's *Dialogues des Carmelites* opens the celebrations tonight, students from the Royal Academy of Music present a Milhaud UK premiere tomorrow afternoon and Susan Bickley, Ian Bostridge and Roger Vignoles team up again for *Masters of Song* in the evening. **Box Office**: (0728 453543) Until Sun.

MANCHESTER. Owain Arwel Hughes starts off tonight's **Hallé Orchestra** concert with Berg's Mahler-inspired *Three Pieces for Orchestra*. Haydn's Symphony No 88 follows on and Benjamin Luxon and the Hallé Choir join in for the rousing and dramatic finale of Walton's *Belshazzar's Feast*. On Saturday, Hughes takes the orchestra to Lincoln Cathedral for a programme of Vaughan Williams, Haydn, Ravel and Elgar. **Free Trade Hall**, Peter Street (061-834 1712) Tonight, 7.30pm

LONDON GALLERIES

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◪ **THE PRIME OF MISS JEAN BRODIE** Patricia Hodge plays the inspirational but dangerous schoolteacher in a revival of an old favourite. Alan Strachan directs. **Strand**, Strand, WC2 (071-930 8800). Now previewing, 7.45pm; opens Oct 25.

◪ **THE QUEEN AND I**: Sue Townsend's satiric romp follows the deposed royals as they struggle to survive on a council estate. Max Stafford Clark directs. **Vaudeville**, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

□ **RSC FRINGE FESTIVAL** Twenty plays, old and new, drawing on the talents of the current Barbican company. Includes works by Carrie Fisher, Albee, Havel, Camus, Shakespeare (a rehearsed reading of the attributed play *Edward III*). **Bridewell**, Bride Lane, EC4 (071-936 3456) Today-Sun at various times

◪ **THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG**: Limited run here for the Greenwich Theatre production of Wendy Wasserstein's too cosy tears 'n' laughter drama. Three sisters (Maureen Lipman, Janet Suzman and Linda Bellingham) seek happiness. **Old Vic**, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

◪ **THE TEMPEST** Alec McCowen presides as Prospero and Simon Russell Beale's baleful Ariel marshalls the magic in Sam Mendes's striking production from last year's Stratford. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Today, 2pm and 7.15pm

◪ **WHAT A PERFORMANCE** David Suchet shows off well as he mugs and flounces as Sid Field in William Humble's stage biography. **Queen's**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **THE ADVENTURES OF PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT** (15): Two drag queens and a transsexual get stuck in the Australian outback. Joyful and vulgar romp with Terence Stamp and Hugo Weaving, director, Stephan Elliott. **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

GERONIMO (12): Strangely dull account of the Apache warrior's capture from director Walter Hill. With Jason Patric, Gene Hackman, Robert Duvall and Wes Studi. **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279)

SPARROW (12): Unconvincing tale of thwarted young love from Franco Zeffirelli, with newcomer Angela Bettis and Vanessa Redgrave and Frank Finlay among the too many British stalwarts. **Odeon Haymarket** (0426-915 353)

THREESOME (18): Shallow but smart college comedy with good quips and attractive performances (Lara Flynn Boyle, Stephen Baldwin). Director, Andrew Fleming. **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

TO LIVE (12): Simple, enthralling family epic from leading Chinese director Zhang Yimou. With Ge You, Gong Li. **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366)

◆ **WAR OF THE BUTTONS** (PG): Child warfare in a small Irish community. Small, damp whimsy from producer David Puttnam, directed by newcomer John Roberts. **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

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◆ **CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER** (12): Harrison Ford fights Government duplicity and Colombia's drug cartels. The best Jack Ryan adventure so far. **Empire** (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

DAZED AND CONFUSED (18): High school kids of 1976 drink, fight and philosophise. Mildly disappointing follow-up to *Slacker* from director Richard Linklater. **Chelsea** (071-351 3742) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **FORREST GUMP** (12): Endearing if indulgent odyssey through post-war America, ideal for baby boomers. With Tom Hanks. Director, Robert Zemeckis. **Barbican** (071-638 8891) **Empire** (0800 888911) **MGM Baker St** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Rd** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE HUDSUCKER PROXY (PG): Hick becomes company boss. Ritzy comic pastiche from the Coen brothers, with Tim Robbins, Jennifer Jason Leigh and Paul Newman. **MGMs: Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148)

◆ **THE LION KING** (U): African lion cub almost loses his father's throne. Much hyped but charmless Disney cartoon, not meant for tiny tots. **Barbican** (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Sq** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Screen/Baker St** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

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SHORT CUTS (18): Robert Altman's dazzling kaleidoscope of fractured lives in Los Angeles. The superb cast includes Andie MacDowell, Bruce Davison, Tim Robbins, Matthew Modine and Lily Tomlin. **MGM Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470)

SIRENS (15): Oxford curate and his wife mingle with Australia's bohemians. Joyful, luscious romp, with Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald and Elle MacPherson. Directed by John Duigan. **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Mezzanine** (0426 915683)

◆ **SPEED** (15): Enjoyable package of thrills, with Keanu Reeves as the SWAT team daredevil faced with a bomb on an LA bus. With Sandra Bullock and Dennis Hopper. **Gate** (071-727 4043) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **TRUE LIES** (15): Schwarzenegger saves the world from Middle East terrorists. But what about his marriage? Overblown fun with Jamie Lee Curtis. **Empire** (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

◆ **WHEN A MAN LOVES A WOMAN** (15): Serious, well-focused drama about alcohol abuse, detoxification and after. With Meg Ryan and Andy Garcia; director, Luis Mandoki. **MGM Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470)

DANCE IN LONDON: Stimulating nights with two visiting American choreographers

Double-decker delight

MARILYN KINGWILL



Focused simplicity: members of the Lucinda Childs company perform with a joyous intensity throughout the 50 minutes of *Available Light*

Lucinda Childs and her New York company shine in their London debut, says the new *Times* dance critic, **Debra Craine** (below)



Although the American minimalist Lucinda Childs is one of the biggest names in the dance world, and despite the fact that her company is currently celebrating its 21st anniversary, the New York-based choreographer is little known here. Tuesday's performance at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, a highlight of the 1994 Dance Umbrella festival, marked an extraordinarily belated London debut.

It also marked a rare chance to see what has virtually become Childs's signature piece: *Available Light*, choreographed a decade ago to celebrate the opening of the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles. At the time, it was specially designed to fit into a 55,000-square-foot warehouse transformed for the occasion by the architect Frank Gehry. He used the entire space as a backdrop, leaving pipes and columns exposed and setting up two raised stages with a chain link fence placed to one side. There were, in effect, two audiences, one sitting high enough to see clearly the layered performing spaces, the other so close it was virtually within the dance space itself.

For the work's three London performances the action has been framed by a more traditional proscenium arch, although the stage has been opened up to expose the backstage mechanics. A raised platform half as deep as the stage provides a second performing space and *maintains* the work's intrinsic double-decker effect.

As John Adams's synthesizer score, *Light Over Water*, delivers its opening blast, dancers begin to walk on stage, dressed variously in red, white or black unisex trousers and shirts. They stand, feet in first position, arms down, as if poised for the daily ballet class. One by one, or one by three, they start moving in a simple sequence of steps that is repeated canonically on both the upper and lower levels. Once the pattern of diagonal movement is established it alters slightly to allow the dancers to drift in and out of unison, constantly re-establishing their relationship, although *its stop-and-start* scenario means each of them repeatedly returns to the stillness of the opening stance.

The vocabulary is familiar. Childs favours certain movements in her dancescapes — petit allegro, two-legged turns, sideways leaps and stylised walking — but always approaches them with a refreshing clarity and surprising richness. Her ten dancers — there is no distinction between men and women and they never dance together — respond with a joyous intensity throughout the 50 minutes. When Childs herself arrives on stage her cool elegance suggests an ice sculpture. But her solo is unexpectedly tentative, as if she is feeling the waters only to discover that her followers have suddenly outgrown her.

As the mesmerising score builds to a burble of bells and the deep-throated brass of finality, so the movement sequences become longer and more elaborate. Darkness gives way to light, as the playful geometry of Childs's dancemaking is unleashed. Like Merce Cunningham, Childs is fascinated by *the purity and precision of a totally* focused simplicity. But where he achieves transcendence by sending his dancers into a trance, she consciously indulges her intellectual appetite for pattern-making. *Available Light* is a paean to the beauty of formality.

As a taster of her newer work, Childs closed the evening with the nine-minute-long *Concerto* (1993), set to Gorecki's *Concerto pour clavecin et cordes*. More driven than *Available Light*, it nonetheless revealed that the choreographer is still mining the same veins of a decade ago.

Fluent in body language

Momix
Sadler's Wells

OPINION is alarmingly divided over Moses Pendleton, the eccentric director-choreographer of the contemporary dance company, Momix. The pleasure of his creations, though not uniformly inspired and with a faint trace of gimmickry, lies in his arresting visual images and his teasing of the abstract into many layers of allegorical meaning. Pendleton alternates writhing flexibility with straight-shanked robotics. He celebrates the naked body and exploits it to manifest what is inside: fantasies; emotions; corpuscles.

Momix's work, performed by dancers of lissom agility and sinewy strength, is a cross-fertilisation of steps, from classical to ethnic, to which are added gymnastics and illusions. *Table Talk* (1992, disappointingly the most recent piece) is brilliantly witty and almost disturbingly weird. A man with the torso of a superhero, and the swimming trunks of John Major, dives onto and ducks under his kitchen table in a pool of light. He somersaults, hanging from the edge and with scarcely space to move, like an Olympic gymnast with no access to parallel bars. Yet he staggers round in a circle with one wonky leg — and his body, magically levitated to the tabletop, is limp. It is a comic sketch about dream-guys (or guys' dreams) with a serious glimpse into the frustration and collapse of cramped lives.

Circle Walker, in which another dancer rocks then rolls a golden gyre inside which he is spreadeagled — like da Vinci's perfectly proportioned man or an industrial worker caught in the system — is an intriguing combination of physique and physics. It is intended to move from a soul struggling in torment to heavenly mastery. However, there were some major hitches on press night. The Circle Walker's contraption kept catching the tabs. An injury also jettisoned the ski duet *Skiva* from the bill.

Passion, set to Peter Gabriel's score for *The Last Temptation of Christ*, is a complex contemplation of sex and religion; the angelic and satanic. It embraces masculinity and/or femininity; lines of evolution and cyclical patterns; natural lifeforms and world civilisations. The slide-projections on the gauze screen, behind which we behold the dancers, sometimes rankle, but *Passion* culminates in a vision of serene universal harmony.

KATE BASSETT

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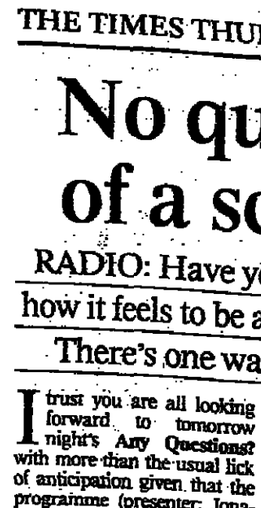
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No question of a scandal

RADIO: Have you ever wondered how it feels to be a royal biographer? There's one way not to find out

I trust you are all looking forward to tomorrow night's **Any Questions?** with more than the usual lick of anticipation given that the programme (presenter: Jonathan Dimbleby) comes in the week when any questions worth asking have to do with a book about the Prince of Wales (author: Jonathan Dimbleby). In case you cannot wait . . .

Dimbleby: Good evening and welcome to *Any Questions?* which tonight comes from the Great Hall of Middle England. So no change there. Our panel consists of Sir Percy Bluster, right-wing Tory MP and scion of the tabloid press;



Jonathan Dimbleby: who questions the questioners?

Camilla Gosh, proprietor of the Kensington-based chain of organic florists which has just been floated on the Stock Exchange; Larry Grunge, editor of *The Daily Shout*; and left-wing Labour MP Ron Berserk, who is on record as calling the new Labour leader "Paddington Blair". Our first question please.

Questioner: Is there a disgusting amount of money being made out of writing biographies of famous people?

Dimbleby: Our questioner wants to know if Peter Ackroyd was paid too much money for his biography of Charles Dickens.

Questioner: No I don't.

Bluster: Well of course it's all the fault of the tabloid press. Seems to me that a chap can't scribble down a book these days without it being used for a lot of distortion and lies in the tabloid press. In my day . . .

Grunge: It was the so-called quality press, for the record. The unpopulars, as dear old Kelvin MacKenzie used to call 'em. Same stuff as us, but longer words.

Berserk: What the chap wanted to know was 'ow come our esteemed chairman . . .

Dimbleby: Perhaps we had better move on to the next question, otherwise this programme will become too interesting to be on Radio 4.

Questioner: Did James Kelman deserve the Booker Prize, and if not, who would members of the panel nominate?

Berserk: It's typical that a lad from a working-class Glasgow background would be hauled over the (bleep) coals by the English literary establishment just because of a few four-letter words.

Gosh: Well, personally I would have given it to Andrew Morton who wrote that lovely book about Princess Diana, though of course it wasn't fiction. I mean I should know. After all, I spent hours with Andrew on Diana's behalf. Oh dear, perhaps I shouldn't have said that. This is not live, is it? Anyway, it was so much better than this new book by, oh dear . . .

Bluster: All I know is that Yassir Arafat doesn't deserve it.

Berserk: That was the Nobel, y'berk.

Dimbleby: Perhaps we could move on to a question that isn't about royal books . . .

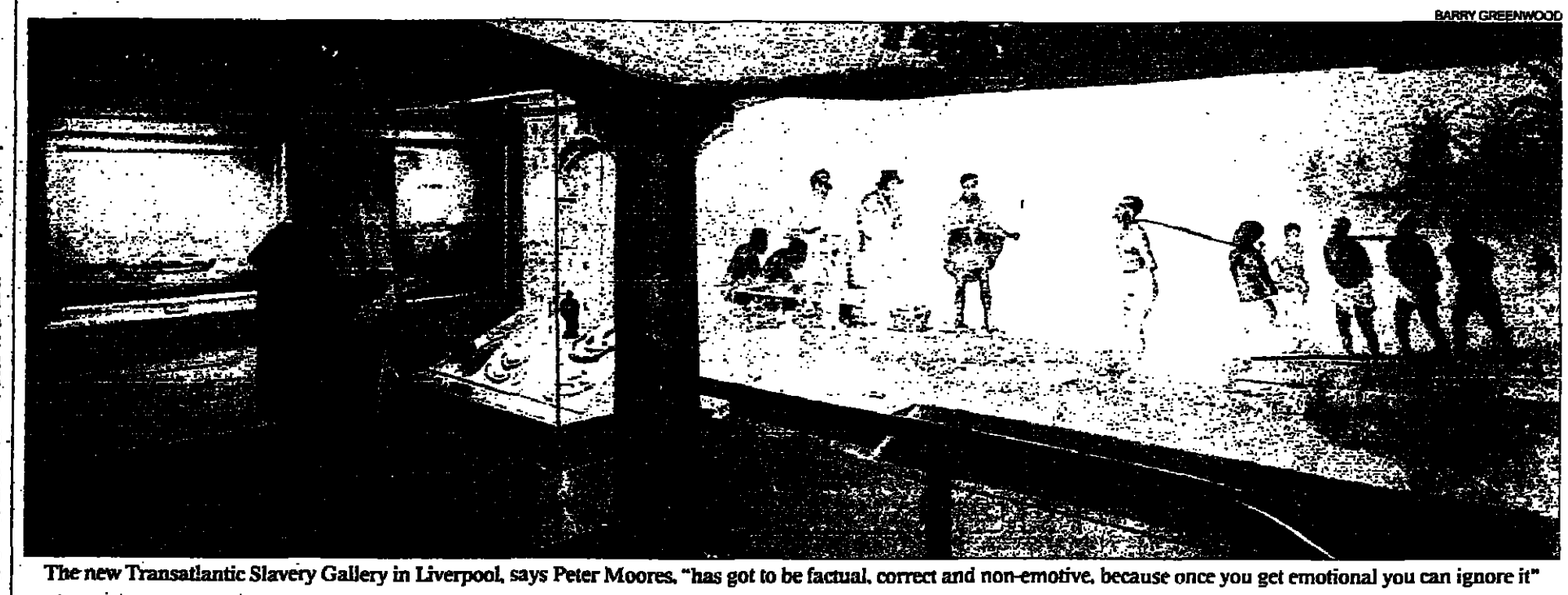
Questioner: Did the Russian Prime Minister fail to meet the Queen at Moscow airport as a protest against the decadent state of the British royal family as revealed in the book by . . .

Dimbleby: Heavens, look at the time. I've just got a moment to remind you about tomorrow's edition of *Any Answers?* It's been cancelled. Goodnight.

PETER BARNARD

MUSEUMS: **Simon Tait** reports on one man's campaign to open a gallery of slavery in Liverpool

BARRY GREENWOOD



The new Transatlantic Slavery Gallery in Liverpool, says Peter Moores, "has got to be factual, correct and non-emotive, because once you get emotional you can ignore it"

Chains of shame

Peter Moores, the Littlewoods Pools millionaire, is not in the habit of using his wealth to make elaborate social gestures. Music is more his line of patronage, opera in particular. But next week there will be, he hopes, a historical statement on a matter which was at least as shameful to humanity as the Holocaust, and as beset by a conspiracy of silence as child abuse.

It is the opening of a new gallery called "Transatlantic Slavery: Against Human Dignity" at the Merseyside Maritime Museum. Not only has all the £500,000 cost come through the Peter Moores Foundation, but the inspiration for the project was Moores's own. It has taken him six years to find a museum prepared to take on the subject.

"A lot of people saw it as a hot potato," he says. "Which of course it is. I'm not terribly interested in the sociological effects in Britain. I simply wanted to open a book that has been resolutely closed." Moores himself could, indeed, be the very image of an American slave-owner as he sits in his Mayfair office wearing a beautifully cut suit and sporting a white beard that is just as precisely trimmed. It is almost impertinent, he admits, for a rich white man to be undertaking this project, but nobody else would do it.

Slavery, it seems, still remains a taboo subject. "It strikes me that this is an extremely unhealthy situation." Moores says. "I don't want to tell a horror story, but it just seems a very odd piece of conspiracy by everybody about something which changed the face of the Western world for ever."

Moores's fixation with the subject came through his ownership of a Barbados estate. "I did a history of the house, and then a history of the island. I kept on saying 'what about slavery?' and the whole thing was bizarre because no one would ever talk about it."

Then he found a chilling statistic. In 1764 there were 70,706 slaves in Barbados and from then until 1771 another 35,397 were imported. But the slave population in 1771 was only 74,485. "Over 30,000 people simply disappeared. We don't know that they died, they just weren't accounted for."

The gallery had to be in England for two reasons, he says. First, this is where the slave trade began; second, the Americans still haven't the stomach for the story. But it was almost accidental that the gallery has alighted in Liverpool, since Richard Foster, director of the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside (of which the Merseyside Maritime Museum is part), was the first to show interest after half a dozen other museums around the country had turned Moores down. Liverpool also happens to be the home of Littlewoods, but in the second half of the 18th century the city originated more slaving voyages than any other European port.



Examples of African art are also featured in the slavery display

The extent of slavery's importance to the British economy has never before been so publicly acknowledged as in this exhibition. Local industries such as the worsted of Kendal, the beer of Whitehaven, iron and brass in Furness and the guns of Birmingham depended on the slave trade. Even Harewood House, seat of the Queen's cousin, was built with slave money.

Nobody knows how many slaves were taken from Africa, but estimates vary from ten to twenty million. Unrecorded millions more in subsequent generations suffered unimaginably. It is an odious horror story and one which will be told uncompromisingly but glacially in the gallery. One section is a representation of part of a slave ship. The curator, Tony Tibbles, thought hard about recreating the atmosphere as closely as possible. "but it would be so awful that people wouldn't be able to go in".

Another is a typical Liverpool merchant's parlour of the mid-18th century which shows how individual items and expressions of wealth were the direct product of the slave trade. There is a large piece of silverware given in 1792 by the town corporation to James Penny for his campaign against the abolitionists.

Moores believes the tenor of the narrative has to be delicately controlled. "It's got to be factual, correct and non-emotive," he says. "because once you get emotional you can ignore it. It's got to be told in a way that people can't look away from. It has to be calm."

Setting up the organising committee brought the biggest shock. "Liverpool is a city of militants and they were extremely suspicious about what was going to happen. It was like tightrope walking because there were people prepared to be violent about this, and all one had was Lord Pitt to calm them down — which he did magnificently."

Only the second black member of the House of Lords, David Pitt is the great-grandson of a slave. Lord Pitt of Hampstead, as he became in 1975, chaired the advisory committee which had to tread carefully through a minefield of emotion. "I was shocked at the depth of feeling by some elements of the black community," he says. "They wouldn't trust us, wanted to organise it themselves, and we slowly talked them round.

"What I hope is that this gallery can speak to both sides — the descendants of the slave traders and the descendants of the slaves — without shame on one side or anger on the other. It wasn't just the owners who were to blame; someone had to sell them the slaves. It has taken until now for people to come to terms with the slave trade, and I was surprised at the depth of feeling still here. I hope this will be a triumph for reason."

●The Transatlantic Slavery Gallery *at the Merseyside Maritime Museum, Albert Dock, Liverpool (051-207 0001) is open to the public from Tuesday*

THEATRE: Three terrible decades of Ugandan history at the Tricycle in London; family drama in Southampton

Acts of remembered brutality

A HAIL of bullets blasting through a man's flesh: gunfire and streaming blood as he falls dying in a woodland swamp: isn't all this the stuff of cinema, not theatre? Surely the atrocities of Idi Amin's and Milton Obote's reigns of terror defy representation on the stage?

The brave Bugandan-born writer-actor George Seremba is not deterred. He single-handedly re-creates Uganda from the 1960s to the 1980s. The impact of his simple, although rather cleverly structured, blend of storytelling and part-playing lies in the fact that this is not fiction. Seremba himself was that man seen riddled with wounds and left for dead.

Seremba re-creates the story of his whole life and the history of his people. His only prop is a candle, which he carries, burning, in the dark at the end as at the beginning, entering down the aisle singing in his native language. There are no sound cues for classroom chatter or gunfire or reviving rain: just percussionist Adesose Wallace with a bead rattle and animal-skin drums punctuating the narrative, or accompanying an instant of African dance. Seremba himself, in sweatpants, begins with a folk-tale of an innocent girl left to die in the jungle by her stepmother, then moves on to his own punishing memories of modern Uganda.

Come Good Rain
Tricycle, NW6

There are no pyrotechnics. He conveys his schoolboy self, chastised for singing out in the "vernacular", by nervously straightening his arms : a posture readopted for his arrest, at the university where he taught English Literature, by the thugs of the new dictatorship. Being beaten up by interrogating soldiers, he cathartically plays both himself and his torturers, miming the blows of rifle butts.

This does not always convey the horror of the truth he is reliving. The most powerful moment comes when the actor, pulling up one sleeve, exposes the scars. The script is not always richly written. But then this is not the territory of elaboration. The bare facts speak for themselves and Seremba is compelling, talking urgently in a lilting, depth-plumbing voice. His experience is ammunition for cutting humour.

I was not theatrically thunderstruck by *Come Good Rain*. But the memory of it will not wash away.

KATE BASSETT

Mother burnt to a pile of ashes

CLAIRE Luckham is the author of *Trafford Tanzi*, which transmuted an ordinarily awful marriage into a prolonged bout in the wrestling ring, and, more recently, *The Choice*, which put the case both for and against letting a Downs sufferer be born.

In other words, she takes a special interest in the family, parenthood and, as she emphasises in the Nuffield programme, the meaning of being chief nurturer and carer. "Mothering is a subject I will come back to time and time again," she writes.

On the evidence of *Dogspot*, though, it is not a vocation that sensible women should be all that keen to pursue. At the play's denouement the mother of three grown or near-grown children first tries to burn down a church, thus incinerating both herself and the teenage niece she wishes to adopt, and then truculently tells her befogged family she will take up art, "to paint my anger and my fear". The mothering instinct has prevented her addressing her own problems and turned her a bit potty; or so Luckham contrives to suggest.

Whether the dramatist means to do so is another matter, for by then both her character's motives and her play have got more complex and confusing than a relatively straightforward first half leads one to expect. Dove (Lisa Harrow) rides to the rescue when a house-fire kills her brother-in-law, puts her estranged sister into a coma, and threatens to orphan 13-year-old Mary (Tilly Edwards). But this child looks 50 and acts five. She is withered, incontinent and withdrawn, and keeps the family awake with her nightmares.

Dove alternates between kindness and exasperation, talking about unconditional love while grumpily swabbing up Mary's puddles, and gets a bit monotonous in the process. But then comes a twist. Mary emerges from her silence to deliver a diatribe that reveals she has been the victim of paternal incest. That sends Dove, and with her the play, spiralling out of control.

Dogspot
Nuffield, Southampton

What are we to make of her sudden preoccupation with her own weak, sickly mother and angry, accusing father? Since both are dead, it is hard to know. Are we supposed to believe Dove when she starts equating Mary's rape with the emotional abuse suffered by herself and her sister (Cherith Mellor), a sexually uptight divorcee? Or is she, as I began to feel, an insensitive, self-absorbed person, whose concern for her niece is actually narcissism and self-pity?

Although it is probably wrong to demand one, an answer to that question would reveal much about Luckham's humanity and the nature of her feminism. As it is, the last part of her play is not only unclear but implausible. Strong, bold actress though she is, Harrow cannot convince us that she would offhandedly reject her own son, who has tottered in on a broken leg, and take to pyromania in a bizarre, doomed effort to hijack her sister's offputting daughter.

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THE RISE AND FALL OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE
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Since the collapse of the Marxist analysis of imperialism there has been a need for a one-volume history of the British Empire. I believe this is it.

Lawrence James is an accomplished historian; his biographies of Wellington, Allenby and Lawrence of Arabia were as impressive as they were well-received. It is, however, with this superb history of a mammoth subject that his writing career has reached its apogee.

He was until 1985 a schoolteacher and his writing is all the better for it. Rather like that other schoolmaster turned successful biographer, Stanley Ayling, James writes to entertain as well as to inform, and never to bore. Although it is clear he is perfectly *au fait* with all the debates that go on in high academic circles, fortunately he did not get bogged down in them.

Instead we have a clear, unbiased history of that extraordinary explosion of our islands between 1600 and 1919, presented with neither the jingoism nor the political correctness of earlier works. With a large number of fairly short, pithy chapters, he covers his subject in the way Lytton Strachey recommended biographers should: "with a brevity which excludes everything that is redundant and nothing that is significant".

The book is a touch bottom-heavy — there is more Fall than Rise — but there are also enough thrilling tales of empire-builders' exploits, such as those of Clive and Brooke of Sarawak, to gladden the heart of any Colonel Blimp. Indeed, my only criticism of the 17 otherwise excellent maps is that the British possessions are not illustrated in that pinky-red colour which sparked the patriotism of generations of children when seen on the schoolroom easel.

James goes to lengths to puncture the Marxist myth that the Empire was really only a financial ramp designed to exploit the native markets by confiscating raw materials and dumping finished goods. In 1867, when Britain's exports totalled £181 million, goods sold in countries outside the Empire accounted for £131 million. Certainly by 1914 the Germans were paying large subsidies for their place in the sun.

The 1950 Tory manifesto referred to the Empire and Commonwealth as "the supreme achievement of the British people". This justifiable pride was largely due to the subtle change of emphasis which took place, as James correctly points out, in the early Victorian period. Marxists put it down to hypocrisy and humbug, but James proves that the fervour with which the imperialists altered their message from one of pillage to one of civilising mission was genuine. It had to be: surely no one would have consented to spend their lives serving out in some benighted obscure colonial backwater, fighting malaria, natives and boredom, if it were not for a higher moral purpose.

The author also shows how the audacity, single-mindedness and sense of destiny of many of the empire-builders verged on the superhuman. It requires a more complex explanation than the trite rhyme: "We have got / The Gatling gun and they have not". For no amount of superior weaponry could really have held 300 million Indians peaceful for a century had they not consented to British rule.

The advent of Social Darwinism in the late Victorian period gave the imperialists a racial, as opposed to primarily Christian, element to their *raison d'être*. This could lead to problems, as when in 1941 the archetypal late Victorian strategist Churchill, who rated the Japanese as no better than "the wops of the East", sent *Prince of Wales* and *Repulse* towards the Pacific without proper air cover in order to reassure a nervous Australian government.

The new messianic imperialism carried with it, as articulated in the Montagu-Chelmsford reforms of 1919 and the various declarations about self-government made thereafter, the seeds of imperial collapse. It is an interesting question, which James rightly does not answer as it is firmly in the realm of "what if?" conjecture, whether or not the empire would have lasted longer had the Victorians not adopted the "Mr Nice Guy" approach of the 1850s, but stuck instead to the naked aggression and rapacity of the 1750s.

Neither does James ask whether imperialism has any relevance to today's world, although he is good on the postwar endpiece of empire. The UN-American presence in Haiti, Somalia and Rwanda has not so far alleviated much suffering there, but that is perhaps because not *enough* imperialism is being administered rather than too much. According these states (which are not true nation-states in the post-Tudor sense of the word at all) their own legitimacy and integrity has been to play a cruel Western joke on their unhappy inhabitants. There can be few more absurd sights than an invading American army being unwilling to stop food riots in the streets of the capital.

Imperialism, were we able to throw off our politically correct notions of national self-determination for people who patently cannot exercise it properly, is an idea whose time has come. This well-balanced and thoughtful work is a testament to what imperialism can achieve.

Robert Rhodes James on Curzon, whose arrogance obscured his gifts and achievements

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Grandest of all Viceroys

CURZON
By David Gilmour
John Murray, £25

One of the curiosities of political history is how well, or how badly, politicians fare at the hands of their biographers. Some are chosen, others choose themselves, and, in the main, the latter are more satisfying. But George Nathaniel Curzon, who was greatly concerned about his posthumous reputation, has been extraordinarily fortunate. His official biography, by Lord Ronaldshay, was much better than most of that type. Harold Nicolson wrote the elegiac *Curzon, The Last Phase* and gave him a memorable entry in the *Dictionary of National Biography*. Kenneth Rose's *Superior Person* is one of the best portraits of the age that we have, and David Dilks has written perhaps the definitive account of Curzon's Viceroyalty of India.

At first sight yet another biography appears somewhat unnecessary, particularly as the author, although the son of an eminent politician and author, is new to the art of political biography, as he cheerfully admits. But it was a book he very much wanted to write, and the result is a consummate and skilful attempt to capture the elusive personality of one of the most talented of modern British statesmen.

This adjective is used deliberately, for that is how Curzon saw himself from an early stage. Jowett, his Balliol mentor, warned him about his prolixity in speech and writing, to no effect. He was not really at home in the House of Commons, and never rose beyond relatively junior ministerial rank; his great opportunity came when he was appointed Viceroy of India in 1898, and, with his rich and beautiful wife, set out to be its greatest. There are many, including Indians, who think that he was. In my childhood in India his was the one name of the bead-roll of Viceroys that was remembered — and with gratitude.

Curzon's many qualities included that of being a dedicated conservationist. In Britain we largely owe the National Trust to him, and the preserved glories of Bodiam and Montacute as well as Kedlestone. In India he not only rescued the Red Forts at Delhi and Agra and the incomparable Taj, but a multitude of lesser buildings, including humble wayside shrines. Never free from pain from his tortured back, he was a fanatically hard worker who may have over-immersed himself in detail, but whose achievements were awesome. He and his wife also carried out their formal duties with incomparable style and panache; but he wrote and planned the simple Remembrance Day ceremony which we use to this day.

He had an unusual capacity for treading on important toes and making enemies. Gilmour relates the Kitchener - Lady Salisbury-Balfour intrigue that ended his viceroyalty in considerable detail. The conspirators, especially Kitchener, come out of the business badly, but there was much point in the comment of Valentine Chirol that Curzon's knack of "saying the wrong thing, or even, when he says the right thing, of saying it in the wrong way, is quite extraordinary. I can recall no instance of a man whose personal unpopularity has to the same extent neutralised his immense abilities and his power of rendering great services."

Gilmour deals with Curzon's childhood and young manhood, and his amazing travels and subsequent books, very well, although he misses something that astonished me in *Problems of the Far East*, published in 1894, where he drew attention to the strategic importance of a hamlet in Indo-China called Dien Bien Phu. Curzon's travels and reading alone made him the best qualified Foreign Secretary of the century, but what appeared to be supercilious condescension to others of lesser intellect — namely, almost everyone — vitiated these qualities. Beaverbrook lost few opportunities of abusing him and vilifying his record, but I have to confess that his mimicry of "Caarzon" was one of his best performances in old age.

Churchill, in one of his finest essays in *Great Contemporaries*, expresses reservations about Curzon's political reliability that were widely shared in the Conservative Party after he had dramatically changed sides in the great Parliament Bill battle of 1911. We can now see that he was right to go for compromise, but his erstwhile supporters did not see it that way. This often happens in politics.

Curzon's private life was equally difficult to fathom. He was an energetic, and often successful, pursuer of women, yet had one very happy marriage, and another less so. Generous in so many ways, he could be astonishingly mean on money matters. The late Lord Rosebery once told me how he had sold Curzon a horse, mentioning that if it turned out to be no good he would of course refund the amount. Several years later he received a letter from Curzon to say that indeed the horse had not turned out well, was about to be retired, and he would like his money back. He did not get it. And anyone who seriously proposes that Big Ben should be turned off as its chimes disturb his sleep should expect to be viewed with some wonderment.

Nor, of course, did he get the premiership, snatched from him by "a man of the utmost insignificance", Stanley Baldwin. The ostensible reason was his membership of the Lords, but the real ones were deeper. For all his qualities and achievements, Curzon did not ultimately inspire trust, and only those who knew him could testify to the true warmth of his personality and keen sense of humour.

But he can rest content in the beautiful shrine he built for his wife and himself. According to one of his private secretaries, he was "always thinking of the verdicts" of history. They have turned out to be favourable, and the length of this fine biography would not have troubled him at all. Churchill relates that when he called on Curzon's wife while she was ill in London in 1903, "she showed me a letter from her husband in India. It was a hundred pages long! All was written in his graceful legible flowing hand. But a hundred pages!"

Fear seen from afar

Rachel Cusk

THE LOST HEART OF ASIA
Journey Beyond Samarkand
By Colin Thubron
Heinemann, £16.99

EMBARKING on his journey to the abandoned Soviet republics of Central Asia, Colin Thubron writes: "As a boy I had soon lost the notion that one day I might slither down the North Pole or run my fingertips along a red-hot Equator. But unconsciously I had gone on feeling that somewhere in the core of the greatest land-mass on earth . . . there pulsed another country, half forgotten, to which the rest were all peripheral."

The Lost Heart of Asia is the extraordinary exploration of this "core", a region cast by the steely matrix of old communism into five nations — Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Kirghizia — but beneath which simmers a soft soup of forgotten history. It is a land traversed by diverse cultural, religious and political footprints beneath which the old trail of the Silk Road has faded: a place whose memory of itself before Stalinism is impassioned but shaky, a heart turned into a dangerous vacuum by desertion. "Suddenly the Soviet tide had ebbed from these shadowy Moslem nations and had left them naked in their independence. What would they become?"

Thubron sets himself the task of finding an answer to this question, but it is no small undertaking to unravel from a hybrid identity the forecast of a certain future. As he travels from village to town to city, the barometer of public opinion plummets and surges in a diagram of unresolved conflict.

Some long for the return of the Soviet system with its disciplinarian securities, others speak of a time before artificial nationhood, when



Thubron: moving intimacy

the people of the region were nomads whose self-perception emanated from tribes rather than boundaries. The detritus of communism, its official buildings and memorials, its abandoned military outposts and rigid demarcations, provides a ghostly overlay to this endemic self-questioning, a portrait of fear which still hangs over the murmuring heads of its mystified successors.

THUBRON'S journey takes him through a spectacular, talismanic geography of desert and mountain, across which are littered older clues. The lost cities of the Silk Road crumble in the wilderness, the remnants of Tamerlane's empire decay in solitude, the sites of Genghis Khan's bloody invasions remain derelict: a whole glittering, terrible and romantic history lies abandoned along with thoughts of more prosperous times, when the area was still a corridor of commerce and ideas between China and the Mediterranean.

Thubron's grasp of this fantastical past is impeccable, and he weaves its mysteries with modern images into a dazzling embroidery. Visiting Merv, he recounts its horrifying sack by the Mongols, whose soldiers were ordered to decapitate between 300 and 400 citizens each. Having laid waste to the city, they sped away while the few survivors crept back to the ruins, at which point they returned to complete the massacre.

Thubron's talent for conversation gives his travels a tangible, moving intimacy, and despite his foreignness — he seems neither to have met nor seen other Westerners — he is able to draw confessions and opinions from an astonishing spectrum of people. Their stories are often comic, but more frequently the litanies of loss, poverty, starvation and personal confusion are horrifying.

Thubron coaxes his interlocutors towards the question of their national or religious identity, and receives answers which are heartbreaking in their nullified complexity. "You, you're English — was it? — so you feel a homeland. But I, I am not Tajik or Russian or Uzbek, quite. I am nothing. Where do I belong?"

To the younger people, the incoming trickle of Western symbolism offers a tragic red-herring of hope, but for some, particularly the girls, ideas of progress can provide an albeit difficult route to personal liberation. Dilia, a young Kazakh girl, wants to be a conductor: "They think I should concentrate on my piano playing. That's a woman's role . . . Nobody understands my not marrying. But I never liked the men my parents produced."

One of the striking aspects of *The Lost Heart of Asia* is, of course, the exceptional beauty of Thubron's writing. The profound, metaphorical quality of his style, the poetic surgeon's eye with which he dissects and reconstructs his surroundings, the humanity with which he interprets everything he sees, are deeply embedded in every line. His skill is in making reading an act of discovery, through which the dark, magical places he visits are genuinely brought to life.

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How modern men of war find peace

Alistair Horne

LOOKING FOR TROUBLE
By Sir Peter de la Billière
HarperCollins, £19.99

A PROMISE OF HOPE
By Colonel Mark Cook
Hamish Hamilton, £14.99

Sir Peter de la Billière's autobiography, a follow-up to his admirable account of the Gulf War, *Storm Command*, opens with a sad childhood — his father killed in the Navy in the Second World War, his mother accidentally brain-damaged by boiler fumes. At Harrow he was a rebel and a loner, with a maxim of "beat the system and get away with it" — a natural recruit for the SAS.

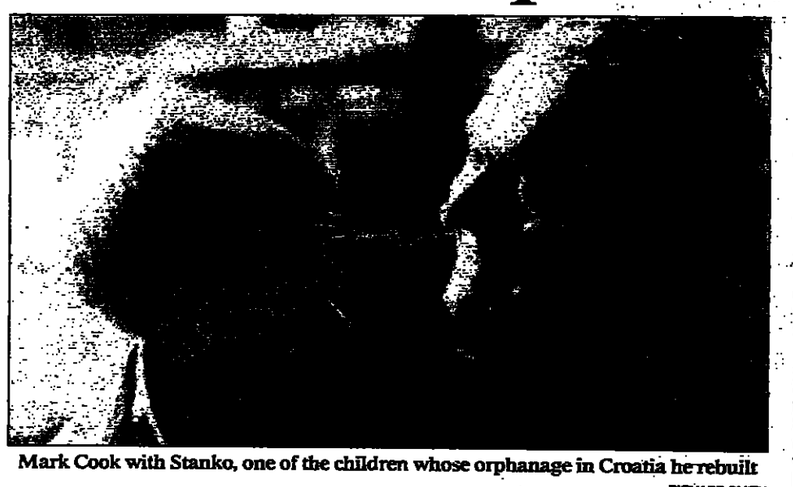
His first experience as a young infantry officer was in the Korean War which, with its trench warfare, nerve-racking night-patrols and heavy Chinese shellfire, resembled the First World War. He was shocked by British casualties, even more so by the Americans' 33,000 dead.

Joining the SAS in 1956 (the year of Suez), he describes the harsh preliminary courses which disqualified many, and his inculcation of Monty-style principles of meticulous battle-training, while getting the best out of an elite corps by making troop welfare his top priority.

There followed special operations in Malaya, Oman, Aden, Yemen and Borneo during which he won a DSO and two MCs. Though he is characteristically reticent about these decorations — exceptional among peace time soldiers — they give a clue to governmental esteem for SAS exploits.

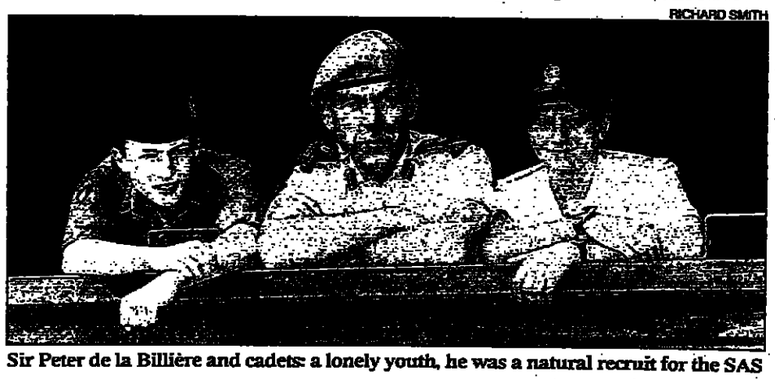
Operating against Indonesian aggression in Borneo, one SAS squadron was reckoned to be "worth ten infantry battalions". Because of their small, closely knit numbers, casualties (on one operation, 25 per cent) were always most painfully felt. Yet Sir Peter is most persuasive as to the value of "humint" [human as opposed to electronic intelligence] provided by SAS watchers on the ground; in the Gulf he considers that the tracking of Saddam Husseins's Scuds by valiant teams like "Bravo Two Zero" may well have kept Israel out of the conflict.

Much more controversial, to my mind, was the top-secret scheme to establish stay-behind bunkers of resolute SAS men up on the former interzonal frontier of Germany. In the event of a Soviet onslaught, these posts were to allow themselves to be overrun, then report on the direction and weight of the attackers. Given that their positions would almost certainly have been pinpointed by Soviet spies within Nato, with equal certainty the men would all have ended as posthumous VCs. Fortunately that war never occurred.



Mark Cook with Stanko, one of the children whose orphanage in Croatia he rebuilt

RICHARD SMITH



Sir Peter de la Billière and cadets: a lonely youth, he was a natural recruit for the SAS

In 1980, Sir Peter found himself heading the newly formed counter-terrorist squad of the SAS, charged with clearing the former Iranian Embassy in London, which had been seized by Arab extremists. He pays high tribute to the cool supportiveness of the then Home Secretary, Willie Whitelaw, during the embassy siege. He is sympathetic towards his US counterparts in their failed, but much more risky attempt to free the Tehran hostages that same year. He vigorously lays the blame on the constantly muddling interference of President Carter. Reiterating a theme from *Storm Command*, he stresses how, once action is under way, "politicians must have the courage to listen primarily to the advice of their military commanders". Whitelaw understood this; Jimmy Carter and, in the Gulf, Tom King, did not.

Looking for Trouble leaves one with the feeling that, in our straitened circumstances, a powerful and competent Special Operations arm, like the SAS, could replace for Britain that role traditionally assumed by the Royal Navy of pre-1914 — an island's mobility to strike when and where her strategic interests dictate. Certainly it would be better value to lavish money on the SAS than on the already obsolete Trident submarines.

Colonel Mark Cook's story, a confession of moving, at times almost embarrassing honesty, reveals a professional soldier of a very different order. A Hemingway would have made *A Farewell to Arms* out of it.

Cook admits that neither his English public school training, nor the Army, had prepared him for what he had to face with the UN in Croatia — the horrors of the Balkan civil war and falling in love with a beautiful Croatian doctor, afflicted with cancer. He pledged himself to the rebuilding of an orphanage deliberately destroyed by Serb gunners.

Promise of Hope describes every twist and turn in the life of an honourable officer caught up in a torrid affair which was disgracefully traduced by the "gutter press".

His reconstruction of the orphanage becomes an obsession far outside his soldierly duties. British troops work zestfully to clear the rubble. One feels that his long-suffering wife — not to mention the Army — were almost saintly in their forbearance. But in the end all turns out happily; Mark and Caroline are reunited, the orphanage rebuilt and a visionary charity called "Hope and Homes for Children" founded.

A Monty, however, might have questioned this deployment of an overstretched British Army — praiseworthy as were Cook's humanitarian achievements. Certainly it was more appropriate that de la Billière rather than Cook should have commanded operation "Desert Storm", Britain's biggest military commitment abroad since 1945.

Tom Pocock enjoys a life of Dorothy Jordan, who bore her royal lover ten children

Upstaging the Duke

The life of Dorothy Jordan could be seen as a cautionary tale. Involving 14 children by three fathers, it can have few rivals as a warning against single parenthood. It could also be an argument against putting one's daughter on the stage.

Hers is a story of the exploitation of women by men and, as such, she might seem the belle ideal of the feminist martyr. Claire Tomalin does not labour the point in her biography, although Mrs Jordan is clearly her heroine. Perhaps this is because it is a story of much wider exploitation. There is exploitation of actresses by their managers (and, indeed, audiences); of celebrities by the media (caricaturists as well as newspapers in Georgian times); the poor by the rich and the middle class by the upper; even parents by their children. The particular charm of Mrs Jordan was that she rose above it.

To set the stage, Tomalin clears away some misconceptions. For a start, Mrs Dorothy Jordan was not her real name. Jordan was a stage name inspired by her crossing of the water from Ireland and all actresses were accorded the prefix "Mrs" for reasons of decorum; she was known to her friends as Dora. Nor was she Irish; she was born in London and her parents (also unmarried at the time) were Francis Bland, the son of an English judge, and Grace Phillips, the daughter of a Welsh clergyman.

Her mother was an actress and Dora herself went on the Dublin stage, where she was seduced by her villainous manager and fled to England with the resulting baby. There she met, but was not invited to marry, a smooth Englishman, who gave her another three children. This was only the beginning of her family life.

Mrs Jordan, as she was now billed, had become the comedy star of the London stage. Theatrical biographies are difficult to write because, before the age of cinematography, the performances must be imagined. The author has not attempted this, nor does she attempt to conjure up the crowded, candlelit theatres and the stuffy dressing rooms. Indeed she detaches herself from the period, looking back with affection and perception at her subject, remarking upon her across two centuries but not trying to enter the period of which she writes. Instead, she quotes those who knew, or saw, Dora Jordan.

She was not glamorous in a modern theatrical way. Leigh Hunt wrote that "she was neither beautiful, nor handsome, nor even pretty, nor accomplished, nor a 'lady', nor anything conventional or *comme il faut* whatsoever, yet was so pleasant, cordial, so natural, so full of spirits, so heathily constituted in mind and body, had such a shapely leg withal, so charming a voice and such a happy and happy-making expression of countenance, that she appeared something superior to all those requirements of acceptability."



In 1791 Gillray's visual pun ("jordan" meant a chamber pot) cruelly satirised Mrs Jordan and the future sailor king

Her particularly memorable attributes seem to have been an infectious laugh and well-turned calves, which she showed to effect when wearing breeches and stockings for cross-dressing roles.

She soon attracted the attention of "the royals" (as Jane Austen first described them), particularly that of the rakish sons of King George III. From that point in the book the reader may feel a sense of familiarity, for the media was, then as now, unsparing.

It was the predatory eye of the Duke of Clarence that caught and held her own. Tomalin is good on her sexual appeal, quoting another male so smitten: "It was a dream of rapture to . . . take her to the theatre . . . to stand at the wing and receive her as she came radiant from the dressing room . . . to take her hand when she came off, feel how her nerves were strung like a greyhound's after a race and her whole frame in a high even glow . . . and to have the same great creature leaning her head on his shoulder and listening with a charming complacency whilst he purred to her of love and calm delights." So it was for the Duke.

MRS JORDAN'S PROFESSION
The Story of
-a Great Actress
and a Future King
By Claire Tomalin
Viking, £18

Dora not only became his lover but set up house with him and bore him ten children. Of the two decades she spent as his common law wife, the happiest were at Bushy House near Hampton Court (now accommodation for the National Physical Laboratory). Their relationship seems to have been wholly content: "We shall have a full and merry house at Christmas; 'tis what the Duke delights in," Dora noted. "A happier set when all together, I believe never existed."

The seeds of trouble were already present. She remained a star of the theatre: he was a failed naval officer — even his friendship with Nelson could not get him a command at the height of the war with France — and always short of money.

So Dora, when middle-aged and losing her looks, was dropped and the Duke pursued heiresses with grotesque enthusiasm. Her children were mostly unhappy: those fathered by the Duke resentful of their illegitimacy and her earlier offspring grasping and venal. But she maintained her dignity, generosity and humour, even when dying in impoverished exile in France like the other famous mistress of the time, Emma Hamilton, whom she knew but did not particularly like.

Two years after her death in 1816, the Duke of Clarence married Princess Adelaide of Saxe-Coburg Meiningen and 12 years later became, against all expectations, King William IV. He was a surprisingly decent monarch and perhaps this was partly due to the lasting influence of Dora Jordan, whose memory he came to revere. She would have made a splendid queen.

Tom Pocock is the author of a biography of William IV.

We are all voyeurs

My heart sinks when I see yet another book about Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes, and then rises again when I realise that the author is Janet Malcolm. In spite of the fact that there have been five biographies of Sylvia Plath along with other shorter accounts of her life and poetry, Malcolm's brief, pungent contribution is provocative, original and welcome. I don't think any reader of the book will ever be able to regard the genre of biography in quite the same light again.

Sylvia Plath was notoriously unstable from an early age, and nearly succeeded in killing herself in 1953. Periods of intense activity alternated with episodes of acute depression, and her contemporaries at school and Smith College found it hard to get along with her. Mental illness was in the family. She married Ted Hughes in 1956; but, as one would expect, marriage and the birth of two children did not make her any more stable, and the marriage came to an end in the autumn of 1962.

In November, she wrote to her mother saying that she had found a place in Primrose Hill, where she had always wanted to live: a house previously inhabited by W.B. Yeats. She described herself as "so happy I can hardly speak". The happiness did not last. Her final poems were written in a frenzied effort to bring some order to her mind's confusion.

Plath committed suicide in February 1963 while still in Primrose Hill. She carefully sealed off the bedroom in which her two small children were sleeping to protect them from the gas with which she killed herself, and she also left them some bread and milk; but no-one, to my knowledge, has ever openly condemned her for leaving them motherless. Since then "the narrative of Plath as an abandoned and mistreated woman and Hughes as a heartless betrayer" has taken over.

As Malcolm points out: "A person who dies at 30 in the middle of a messy separation remains forever fixed in the mess. To the readers of her poetry and biography, Sylvia Plath will always be young and in a rage over Hughes's unfaithfulness." Though still flourishingly and craggily alive, Hughes is as stuck in his role of 30 years ago as Plath is in hers.



Sylvia Plath's suicide at 30 left her children motherless

Anthony Storr

THE SILENT WOMAN
Sylvia Plath
and Ted Hughes
By Janet Malcolm
Picador £14.99

Janet Malcolm treats biography as a conspiracy between biographers and readers; a peeping through keyholes and listening to gossip. This is why, in her view, readers are more tolerant of badly written biography than of badly written fiction. We are all voyeurs who care nothing for the secrets of the dead, since the law affirms that they cannot be libelled or slandered.

Malcolm's interest in Plath was principally aroused by Anne Stevenson's 1989 biography, *Bitter Fame*, which Malcolm considers the best of the five. This was badly received because the author acknowledged that there were areas of the life which she omitted in order to spare the feelings of Plath's surviving relatives, and also paid tribute to the contribution of Olwyn Hughes, Ted's elder sister. "What is the woman thinking of? The biographer's business, like the journalist's, is to satisfy the reader's curiosity, not to place limits on it," writes Malcolm ironically. A hostile review of *Bitter Fame* by Al Alvarez added two new monsters to the myth. Anne Stevenson and Olwyn Hughes joined Ted Hughes as conspirators in suppressing truth.

Malcolm's investigation included meetings with both Olwyn Hughes and Anne Stevenson, who had quickly fallen out with one another over Bitter Fame. Since then "the narrative of Plath as an abandoned and mistreated woman and Hughes as a heartless betrayer" has taken over. Both women talked frankly to her and she also read their letters to each other. These were "abashingly real", like a lover's quarrel, and prompted the reflection that "Letters are the great fixative of experience. Time erodes feeling. Time creates indifference. Letters prove to us that we once cared." Anne Stevenson felt bullied by Olwyn Hughes: only Peter Davison, her editor at Houghton Mifflin and himself a poet, could do anything to resolve the tensions between them.

The letters of Ted Hughes to Anne Stevenson, quoted here, give ample reason for his silence about his wife. "I have never attempted to give my account of Sylvia," he writes, "because I saw quite clearly from the first day that I am the only person in this business who cannot be believed by all who need to find me guilty." As Malcolm remarks: "Hughes has never been able to drive the stake through Plath's heart and free himself from her hold." It is a dreadful fate.

Fiction is truer than biography. "In a work of non-fiction we almost never know the truth of what happened . . . The facts of imaginative literature are as hard as the stone that Dr Johnson kicked." This brilliant meditation on the nature of biography made me reconsider my considerable taste for it. The fact that so many biographers can make so much money at the expense of hurting living people — and be praised for doing so — makes me quail.

Geometry of the heart

IRENE Dische says that she never reads novels. "I'm not interested in their stories," she has said. "I prefer my own." The daughter of highly educated German-Jewish émigrés in New York, Dische now lives in Berlin. She neither watches television nor attends the theatre. She is uninfected by culture, by the tales and jingles most writers collect and transmute into what they hope will be art. If what she says of herself is absolutely true, then she is that rarest breed of author, not an alchemist, but a true creator.

This, her second novel, makes it easy enough to believe her. It is the extraordinary and peculiar story of Benedikt August Anton Cecil August Count Waller von Wallerstein, an aristocrat repelled by his family — he prefers plain "Herr Waller" — and by the human race in general, although "he thought a great deal about beauty. His libido had dropped anchor there; he loved higher mathematics, and all forms of technical achievement. Fairness as a kind of symmetry became his reason for preferring a Communist state, and condemning the German past, or disliking the thought that he was German at all."

But Benedikt cannot resist all human impulses. Behind his mathematics notebooks is another notebook filled with the cut and pasted images of male models through which he will browse after breakfast. After discovering that his body harbours a nameless but terminal disease, he is moved to advertise in the papers for a child. This advertisement sets in motion a meditation on the nature of existence, and on the rules — political rules, mathematical rules, emotional rules — human beings believe are intrinsic, but which are as much constructed for the convenience of their builders as any fiction between two covers.

Erica Wagner

SAD STRAINS OF A GAY WALTZ
By Irene Dische
Bloomsbury, £14.99

Benedikt's life is a well-ordered thing: he has abandoned his ancestral home in Biederstein, a crumbling castle where he was raised by his parents. He lives in a tidy apartment in West Berlin, where he writes mathematical papers which are always accepted by prestigious American journals. Occasionally he brings a young man home with him, but when sex threatens to spill over into affection it is abandoned.

It is no coincidence that Benedikt's illness and the collapse of the Berlin Wall occur simultaneously. Benedikt might have Aids, but then he might not. His disease is never actually defined, and one hardly expects an author who chose in her first novel to write about Hitler hiding out in the American suburbs to be coy. His affliction may well be an expression of the disruption of the world around him, a world on which he can no longer turn his back. His advertisement brings not only a child but the child's mother, Marja, a poor woman of Russian extraction, fleeing from her cramped apartment in East Berlin to arrive on Benedikt's doorstep with her bad teeth and acrid smell.

This novel is a kind of modern fairy-tale. Benedikt is its handsome prince and Marja, in her way, its good fairy. Dische's writing is a quirky, slippery kind of English, whose seeming directness belies its hidden meanings in much the same way as "Once upon a time . . ." But Dische's characters, original and intriguing as they are, never quite escape their author's manipulations. She is a fine puppeteer, and she gives us a good show, but there, always just visible, are the strings that keep us from believing that her fictions might actually exist, or that her characters have volition. Her story never quite moves the reader in the way it ought to; these are only puppets, after all.

Or perhaps they are experiments. Dische turns for recreation to reading scientific textbooks, and she studied paleontology with Leakey. One feels she has never abandoned the cold gaze of science, and one wishes she would allow herself some warmth.

One for one and all for Helmut

HOW rosy was the after-glow of Germany's unification, how sweeping the rhetoric, how perky the predictions of West German politicians. Reality has proved disobliging. Federal budget spending this year was DM60 billion higher than predicted in 1991. "The huge imbalance between East Germany's aspirations and resources," writes David Marsh, "was met by deficit finance on a grand scale."

This is a typically clear and unforgiving judgment from an author whose grasp of economic data is unrivalled. I started wishing that he would venture away from the safe handrail of statistics and quotes and let fly a bit with his own judgments and predictions. At times, the unimaginative prose reminded me of a hundred *Financial Times* articles strung together, but that was a small irritation set against this sharp analysis by the *FT*'s European editor.

Marsh has a splendid ear for the things statesmen snarl at each other, but the rest of us are not supposed to hear. Mrs Thatcher, taking the opportunity of an annual dinner celebrating Anglo-German friendship, announced to an ex-ambassador: "You need another 40 years before we can forgive you for what you've done." The then president of the Bundesbank, Karl Otto Pöhl, thundered at John Major (then Chancellor of the Exchequer) that a sterling exchange rate of DM2.95 was too high for Britain's entry into the ERM. "But it has been decided by the Prime Minister," said Major. "I don't care about your Prime Minister," retorted Pöhl.

Anne McElvoy

GERMANY AND EUROPE
The Crisis of Unity
By David Marsh
Heinemann, £17.99

The message of the book is that Kohl, having mastered unification, botched its aftermath. Marsh blames the decision to exchange the Ost-Mark at a basic rate of 1:1. This is certainly the Bundesbank's view, but then again, it would be. The decision to go for a 1:1 exchange rate committed West Germany to a heavy financial burden and contributed to the overheating of the economy. But Kohl's instinct was to grasp the nettle. Indeed, if he had listened to the caveats, the two Germanies would still be in a messy and unsatisfactory confederation.

Kohl played a risky hand, but his narrow victory in last Sunday's election suggests that most Germans still feel that his achievements since 1989 deserve recognition — even as they nurse the dull ache of a post-unity hangover.

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CUT OUT AND KEEP

England step off plane to find Australians in new light


Atherton faces the press in Perth

Michael Henderson sees England's cricket captain encounter an awkward opening press conference

England's cricketers arrived here yesterday feeling rather like the camels in Eliot's *Journey Of The Magi*: galled, sore-footed and refractory. More than 17 hours' flying time separates London from Western Australia so to bounce from plane to airport lounge, as Michael Atherton, the captain, and the managerial team did for a press conference, was no slight undertaking.

Atherton carried it off well, as he should. He is getting used to awkward press conferences by now. It is customary at these gatherings for Australian questioners to wonder whether the England team is the worst to leave its own country. No one lobbed that grenade yesterday. There is even a suggestion that, despite a record of 12 defeats in the last 19 Tests between the countries, England are now due greater respect.

Atherton did not bite at suggestions that two members of the touring party — Craig White and Martin McCague — are Australian turncoats. But he was caught on the back foot when comments attributed to him in a Melbourne newspaper ten months ago were quoted back to him.

Referring to the "sledging" of the Australians last summer, when Allan Border was still the captain, Atherton found it amusing that the player who talked loudest for longest was Steve Waugh who, when his turn came to bat, was "wetting himself". Waugh was less amused by this observation and other members of the Australian side are unhappy at the England captain telling what they consider to be tales out of school.

Already the perception of both teams is shifting. Mark Taylor made it clear when he took over from Border that abuse of opponents did not feature prominently in his style-book. That is not to say that Waugh and Ian Healy, to name but two, will not continue to grumble but they will not take their lead from a surly captain because Taylor is not that sort of chap.

Atherton, on the other hand, does not expect his players to hide if they are riled. "At times England teams may have been a soft touch in the past. The Australians have been pretty good at dishing it out in my experience and we will give it back. We are not going to start a sledging war. I hope it will be a good series played hard and fair. The last three contests were too one-sided for our liking."

When the touring team get down to serious netting at the WACA ground, Perth, before the four-day match against Western Australia, which starts on Saturday week, their batsmen will have Shane Warne uppermost in their thoughts. Just how England counter the threat of this proven match-winner will determine in large part whether they win or lose the series.

"We went into the last series a bit blind," Atherton said. "The key to playing him is preparation." Well yes, up to a point. Even when you try to kick him away, as Gooch did last year, he can still hit the stumps. Some time in the next week the seven batsmen will discuss ideas on how best to confront him.

It is silly to try to judge the mood of a touring party before anyone has bowled a ball in anger. It is even sillier to predict a successful winter when the team's record is so thin. But it is not unrealistic to detect a stiffer backbone to this team and a greater resolve.

Atherton has set the tone. "Beat us if you can," he is saying, "but we shall not be easily budged. You have had things far too easy for too long." If the Australian players do not care much for him now, they may be heartily sick of him come February.

Old injury returns to thwart hopes of Kapil Dev

By Simon Wilde

KAPIL Dev's long and distinguished career may come to an end sooner than the Indian all-rounder would like. A recurrence of an old knee injury has ruled him out of the second one-day international against West Indies in Bombay today and with form and fitness proving elusive the world's leading Test wicket-taker may not survive his last season at international level.

Kapil Dev's announcement last week that he would not be retiring until West Indies return home in December has met with bemusement and ridicule in his native land. Most people expected him to retire earlier this year, once his ambition to overhaul Sir Richard Hadlee's record of 431 Test wickets had been achieved. Instead, he wants to play on, seemingly for no other reason than to prove that those who think he should go are wrong.

If Kapil is not careful, his last days will resemble those of Allan Border, who was pushed before he could jump. This is perhaps what Kapil, 35, dreads, because he recently issued a statement saying that his knee would last as long as Ajit Wadekar's heart. Wadekar is the Indian team's manager and Kapil's statement was an insensitive allusion to Wadekar's coronary trouble.

Should Kapil regain fitness — he is expected to be out for upto three weeks — there may be at least one way in which the timing of his retirement will be appropriate: the last of the three Test matches against West Indies is at Chandigarh, the place of his birth.

The remaining three one-day internationals of the series will be played after a fortnight's hiatus during which New Zealand, who arrive this weekend, join India and West Indies for a triangular limited-overs tournament which will culminate in a day-night final in Calcutta on November 5.

This is one of seven triangular or quadrangular international one-day competitions taking place this winter. India won the first, in Sri Lanka, and the second is underway in Pakistan. The hosts meet South Africa, who have lost all three of their matches to date, in Rawalpindi today.

The second Test match between Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka is scheduled to start in Bulawayo today after a 48-hour postponement because of rain. The final day of the first Test was also lost to rain, although painfully slow scoring by both sides had already put paid to a positive outcome.

Joey Benjamin, 33, will see out his professional career with Surrey after signing a three-year contract with the club before departing for England's tour of Australia.

Qualifiers make their mark at the women's tennis international in Brighton

Spirited display by Vento opens the way to rich reward

By Stuart Jones, tennis correspondent

IT IS a hard trudge to Brighton from Kazakhstan, Venezuela and South Africa, particularly when there is logically little hope of gaining any financial remuneration along the way. Such is the trying existence of the women ranked too low to gain automatic entry into international tournaments.

A trio of long-distance travellers have been rewarded for their journeys to the international women's tennis tournament on England's south coast, though. Elena Likhovtseva, Maria Alejandra Vento and Joanette Kruger may not be household names but yesterday they made an unforeseen impact on the first round.

All three had started on a more menial level on Saturday. As the first and third seeds respectively, Likhovtseva and Kruger were favoured to come through the qualifying competition, a feat which was beyond all eight British entrants, but Vento was not. Yet she has reached the last 16.

After dismissing the second seed on Sunday for the loss of only four games, the Venezuelan from Caracas entered a main draw for only the fourth time this year. Small of stature and dark of hair, she had failed in 11 other attempts in locations as far apart as Brisbane, Paris and Tokyo.

A 20-year-old graduate of the University of Miami and a professional for only eight months, she distinguished herself on her first visit to Britain by knocking out Ginger Helgeson-Nielsen, of the US, ranked 174 places higher than her. It took her an hour and 50 minutes to win 6-3, 7-5. She was statistically the poorest competitor in the field, having accumulated $53,632 (about £34,000) in prize money — Conchita Martinez, by comparison, has so far collected $3.5 million. To that relatively meagre sum, Vento can add $4,600 and almost double that if she beats her next opponent, Katerina Maleeva.

Likhovtseva, 19, from Alma-Ata in Kazakhstan, was on the verge of an equally momentous victory. Contrastingly tall and slender, she held two points for a 4-0 lead in the final set against Anke Huber, the fourth seed who has never failed to reach at least the semi-final here.

Huber arrived as the champion of Filderstadt, where she defeated Martina Navratilova in the quarter-final and Mary Pierce in the final last week. Yet she was palpably out of sorts and, so she imagined, out of luck as well. She was emitting distress signals for more than two hours.

Expansive shrugs and cries of anguish were directed principally at her new and temporary coach, Jurgen Windahl. Only when it was virtually too late did she become less impetuous but she still required the assistance of an apparently erroneous over-rule by the umpire to usher her through.

Likhovtseva, ranked No 60 in the world, reached the fourth round of the US Open last month and her quality is emphasised by the stature of the last four women to have beaten her. They were Martinez, Sánchez Vicario, Sabatini (at Flushing Meadow) and Maleeva. Huber, the runner-up to Jana Novotna last year, conceded that she was "really lucky" towards the conclusion of her 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 victory, however.

Kruger, a South African from Johannesburg, assumed the highest position of her career, 59th in the rankings, in September. Nevertheless, she could not have expected to be in the same class as Novotna but, for half an hour, she was far above it.

The south coast plainly appeals to Kruger, who stands over 5ft 10in tall. She won a Futures title at Bournemouth in 1990 and regained it two years later. Yesterday she took the first set off the holder and kept her on court for an hour and three quarters before submitting 2-6, 6-0, 6-4.

Novotna, who missed three match points, was as voluble in her exasperation as Huber had been earlier. There were extenuating circumstances, though. A nervous flyer, she had driven safely all the way from her home in Czechoslovakia, only for her car to be damaged after she had arrived on Monday.

She found that a window had been smashed and her radio had been stolen. Her misfortune would have been more tolerable had the organisers been able to retain the same sponsors of the tournament that they had last year. They were Autoglass.

RESULTS

FIRST ROUND: H Sukova (Cz) bt S Dopfer (Austria) 6-2, 6-1, P Hy (Can) bt E Reinach (SA) 6-3, 6-3; M A Vento (Ven) bt G Helgeson (US) 6-3, 7-5; A Huber (Ger) bt E Likhovtseva (Kaz) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; K Maleeva (Bul) bt S Hack (Ger) 6-3, 6-2; J Novotna (Cz) bt J Kruger (SA) 2-6, 6-0, 6-4.
SECOND ROUND: L Neiland (Lat) bt Y Basuki (Indo) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; J Halard (Fr) bt G Fernandez (US) 6-4, 5-7, 7-6

JULIAN HERBERT


Huber smiles, but was put under great pressure by the efforts of Likhovtseva before emerging triumphant

England bank on new pairing

JOANNE Muggeridge, the surprise winner of a women's doubles gold medal at the Commonwealth Games, helped England to their only success in the 4-1 defeat by China at Carlisle on Tuesday and was rewarded with another doubles outing in the second match of the series at Gateshead last night (Richard Eaton writes).

Muggeridge, England's leading women's singles player, had never previously represented her country at doubles, yet she and Gillian Gowers, the former European women's doubles champion, overcame Yao Jie and Zeng Ya Qiong 13-15, 15-7, 15-7, with Muggeridge suggesting that she has the ability to become a world-class competitor at this event, were she and Gowers to get regular outings together.

Sarah Hardaker, who made her England debut at Carlisle, was also due to play another match at Gateshead last night. Ciro Ciniglio, the England manager, had hoped she and John Quinn would beat Liu Yong and Li Qi, just as they did last month at the Dutch Open, but a day of interviews and the pressure of the occasion almost certainly affected the teenager's performance.

A second chance would help her erase the memory of the 15-9, 15-12 defeat on Tuesday, her manager said. China also won the men's and women's singles and the men's doubles, suggesting that their predominantly teenaged squad has every chance of winning the series and of helping them to become pre-eminent in the sport again.

RACING RESULTS FROM THREE MEETINGS

Yarmouth

Going: good

2.00 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, Lady Lodger (G Duffield, 20-1); 2, Tondres (33-1); 3, Loweswells (14-1); 4, Fawaran (16-1). Ball Gown 3-1 fav. 19 ran. Nk, hd. M Prescott. Tote: £33.40; £4.30, £8.60, £4.00, £4.40. DF: £1,346.00 (pool of £844.60 carried forward to 3.40 at Newbury today). Trio: not won (pool of £985.41 carried forward to 3.40 at Newbury today). CSF: £506.82. Tricast: £8,276.51.

2.30 (1m 3f 101yd) 1, Much Too Clever (W Carson, 9-1); 2, Blowedifiknow (14-1); 3, Our Bessie (7-1); 4, Cilburnel News (10-1). Karon Beach 6-1 jt-fav, 19 ran, NR: Ma-Tu-Tu. Sh. hd, ¾l. D Morley. Tote: £11.10; £3.40, £5.20, £1.90, £2.60. DF: £77.50. Trio: £698.20. CSF: £132.69. Tricast: £883.83. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

3.00 (6f 3yd) 1, Lynton Lad (W Ryan, 3-1); 2, Merry Oaks (3-1); 3, Stylish Ways (10-11 fav). 4 ran. ½l, 1¼l. E Dunlop. Tote: £4.50. DF: £4.80. CSF: £10.98.

3.30 (7f 3yd) 1, Ellie Hope (M Roberts, 20-1); 2, Nauwest (2-1); 3, Our On A Promise (14-1). Tajar 7-4 fav. 15 ran. 3½l, ½l. C Egerton. Tote: £15.00; £2.10, £2.00, £3.00. DF: £16.50. CSF: £58.92.

4.00 (1m 3yd) 1, Assyrian (L Dettori, 5-4 fav); 2, Ziggy's Dancer (8-1); 3, Monseefa (10-1). 16 ran. Hd, sh hd. J Gosden. Tote: £2.30; £1.50, £1.90, £3.20. DF: £6.20. CSF: £12.78.

4.30 (1m 3yd) 1, Elpidos (M Roberts, 25-1); 2, Ziffany (10-1); 3, Risky Romeo (25-1); 4, High Standard (9-2). Dufferdoes 4-1 fav. 16 ran. ¾l, nk. C Brittain. Tote: £20.00; £2.90, £2.80, £9.90, £1.90. DF: £160.00. Trio: £982.30 (pool of £843.97 carried forward to 3.40 at Newbury today). CSF: £241.90. Tricast: £5,610.71.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £124,044.23 carried forward to Newbury today).

Placepot: £1,347.60. Quadpot: £22.80.

Newcastle

Going: firm

2.10 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Nashville Star (P Niven, 2-5 fav); 2, Myton's Choice (11-4); 3, Running Green (10-1). 4 ran. Only three finished, 3½l, dist. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £1.30. DF: £1.30. CSF: £1.81. Myton's Choice finished first but after a stewards' inquiry was placed second.

2.40 (3m chy) 1, Strong Deal (T Reed, 6-4 fav); 2, Wale Court (4-1); 3, Kilcolgan (16-1). 10 ran. 3l, nk. W Reed. Tote: £2.50; £1.10, £1.20, £4.70. DF: £8.40. CSF: £7.40.

3.10 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Chief Minister (A Dobbin, 7-4 jt-fav); 2, Band Sable (9-4); 3, Gong Public (7-4 jt-fav). 3 ran. 2½l, 12l. T Dyer. Tote: £2.30. DF: £2.00. CSF: £4.80.

3.40 (2m 4f chy) 1, Down The Road (D Bridgwater, 4-9 fav); 2, Celtic Song (6-1); 3, Moss Bee (11-4). 3 ran. 2½l, sh hd. J Johnson. Tote: £1.30. DF: £2.80. CSF: £2.98

4.10 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Tripplano (T Kent, 8-13 fav); 2, Delasida (6-1); 3, Emerald Charm (3-1). 5 ran. NR: Bishops Castle, Gascoigne Wood, Mester Hyde. 4l, 9l. Mrs J Cecil. Tote: £1.90; £1.20, £1.60. DF: £2.50. CSF: £4.27.

4.40 (3m chy) 1, Calidh Boy (Richard Guest, 13-8); 2, Kushbaloo (5-6 fav); 3, Southern Minstrel (5-1). 3 ran. Hd, dist. Mrs J Goodfellow. Tote: £2.60. DF: £1.70. CSF: £3.20.

Placepot: £15.10. Quadpot: £10.70.

Exeter

Going: good

1.50 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Casual Water (J Railton, 5-1); 2, Fleur De Tai (3-1); 3, Lorcanjo (12-1). Court Jester 7-4 fav. 10 ran. 4l, 2½l. J White. Tote: £7.70; £1.90, £1.40, £3.10. DF: £13.30. CSF: £18.58.

2.20 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Caolmaseach (B Powell, 7-1); 2, Kindle's Delight (11-4 jt-fav); 3, First Century (11-2). Charged 11-4 jt-fav. 7 ran. 1½l, 13l. G Ham. Tote: £5.80; £1.60, £2.20. DF: £13.80. CSF: £22.80.

2.50 (2m 3f hdle) 1, Singers Image (B Clifford, 100-30); 2, Turner Prize (2-1 fav); 3, Robenko (8-1). 8 ran. 5l, 15l. G Balding. Tote: £4.30; £1.80, £1.10, £2.00. DF: £3.30. CSF: £9.98.

3.20 (2m 3f chy) 1, I Have Him (B Powell, 6-4 jt-fav); 2, Mezoum Express (20-1); 3, Land Of The Free (7-2). Muckdra 6-4 jt-fav. 6 ran. Dist, dist. A Jones. Tote: £2.20; £1.30, £4.20. DF: £31.80. CSF: £21.72.

3.50 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Just Rosie (S McNeill, 4-1); 2, Beam Me Up Scotty (5-2 jt-fav); 3, Toomuch Tooscon (9-2). Boyfriend 5-2 jt-fav. 6 ran. 3½l, 5l. A Jones. Tote: £4.30; £2.20, £2.40. DF: £6.20. CSF: £13.00.

4.20 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Furry Knowe (J Osborne, 100-30); 2, Deep Dark Dawn (3-1); 3, Abu Musiab (6-4 fav). 4 ran. Only three finished. 12l, dist. Mrs J Retter. Tote: £5.00. DF: £5.30. CSF: £11.23.

4.50 (2m 1f 110yd) 1, Storm Run (Guy Lewis, 4-7 fav); 2, Bobbie Mo (4-1); 3, Cardschool' (20-1). 5 ran. 3l, 13l. P Nichols. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £2.20. DF: £2.20. CSF: £3.55.

Placepot: £471.20 Quadpot: £98.20 (pool of £98.84 carried forward to Newbury today).

☐ Robin Tate, the trainer, was fined £100 for withdrawing Gascoigne Wood from the Burghley Novices Hurdle at Newcastle yesterday. He was punished for pulling out his horse when there had been no change in the going.

☐ Ed Dunlop, former assistant trainer to the late Alex Scott, had his first success yesterday when Lynton Lad won the Maunby Conditions Stakes at Yarmouth.

WORD WATCH

Answers from page 48

PAKORA
(b) A savoury Indian dish consisting of diced or chopped vegetables coated in batter and deep fried, from the Hindi *pakorī* a dish of vegetables in grain flower.

RIZA
(c) A metal shield or plaque framing the painted face and other features of a Russian icon, and engraved with the lines of the completed picture, from the Old Slavonic *riza*, a garment. "As long ago as the fourteenth century, under Greek influence, the Russians began to cover the figures with plates of silver showing in more or less relief the outlines and folds of the clothes and vestments: such a plate is called a *riza*, properly speaking a garment, especially a chasuble."

PUCHERO
(b) A composite dish of beef or lamb, ham or bacon, and vegetables, cooked as a stew. From the Spanish word for a glazed earthenware cooking pot.

PARASHOT
(a) In the war of 1939-45, a member of the British Home Guard, whose task was to shoot down enemy parachutists, a portmanteau from *para(chutist) + shot*: "The village men lined up to join the local Defence Volunteers. The Parashooters or Parashots they called themselves in those days, when everyone thought the enemy might drop on us out of the sky just as the same way as he had done over the Low Countries."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1, Nf6+! gxf6; 2, exf6 and White threatens mate with Qg3+. If Black defends against this with, for example, 2. ... Qe4, then White has the neat finish 3, Qxf8+ Kxf8; 4, Rd8 mate.

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LEGAL NOTICES

ADVERTISED NOTICE OF CREDITORS' MEETING UNDER S.4(2)
MONTROSE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above company will be held pursuant to section 4(2)(i) of the Insolvency Act 1986 at 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP on 1 November 1994 at 4.00 pm for the purpose of receiving the report of the Administrative Receiver and, if thought fit, appointing a creditors' committee. A creditor will be entitled to vote only if a written statement of claim is submitted to me at the above address by 12 noon on 31 October 1994 and if the claim is admitted for voting purposes. Any proxies that are intended to be used must be submitted to me before the meeting. A creditor whose claim is wholly secured is not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
Date 17/10/94
Joint Administrative Receiver

ELEC (COULSDON) LIMITED
IN RECEIVERSHIP
Registered number: 2585760. Trading Name(s): CEL & ELEC. Nature of Business: Electrical Wholesalers. Trade Classification: 15. Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 11th October 1994. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): Barclays Bank plc. Date of instrument: 28th September 1991. Type of instrument: Debenture conferring fixed & floating charges. Joint Administrative Receivers: M J C Oldham and P S Dunn, (Office Holder Numbers: 7817 and 2368) of Latham Crossley & Davis 7 Kendrick Place, London W1H 3FF.

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
LIGHTUNIQUE LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be at King's House, 36-37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH on the 28th day of October 1994 at 10.05am for the purposes, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee. Any proxy to be used at the meeting must be lodged at King's House, 36-37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH not later than 12 noon on the business day before the meeting. A statement of claim must also be lodged
NOTICE is also given that, for the purpose of voting, secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given, and the value at which they estimate it.
A list of the names and addresses of the creditors of the above-named company may be inspected at King's House, 36-37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the meeting.
Dated this 18th day of October 1994
P W Arkless
Secretary

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
No. 006260 OF 1994
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER of SHC MAY FAIR HOTEL LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER of THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION was on the 29 September 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the CONFIRMATION of the REDUCTION of the SHARE PREMIUM ACCOUNT of the above-named Company by £86,269,960.
And Notice is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday 2nd day of November 1994.
Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of share premium account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated the 14th day of October 1994.
STEPHENSON HARWOOD
One St. Paul's Churchyard
London EC4M 8SH
Tel: 071 329 4422
Ref: 45
Solicitors for the above-named Company

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
NO.006248 OF 1994
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER of LONDON BRITANNIA HOTEL LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER of THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION was on the 29 September 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the CONFIRMATION of the REDUCTION of the SHARE PREMIUM ACCOUNT of the above-named Company by £16,446,796.
And Notice is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday 2nd day of November 1994.
Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of share premium account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated the 14 day of October 1994.
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Solicitors for the above-named Company

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
NO.006282 OF 1994
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER of SHC EDINBURGH (HOLDINGS) LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER of THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION was on the 29 September 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the CONFIRMATION of the REDUCTION of the SHARE CAPITAL of the above-named Company from £25,000,000 to £15,721,957.
And Notice is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday 2nd day of November 1994.
Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of share capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated the 14th day of October 1994.
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Tel: 071 329 4422
Ref: 45
Solicitors for the above-named Company

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
NO. 006247 OF 1994
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER of THE MAY-FAIR HOTEL COMPANY LIMITED and IN THE MATTER of THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION was on the 29 September 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the CONFIRMATION of the REDUCTION of the SHARE PREMIUM ACCOUNT of the above-named Company by £29,883,220.
And Notice is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday 2nd day of November 1994.
Any Creditor of Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of share premium account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated the 14th day of October 1994.
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One St. Paul's Churchyard
London EC4M 8SH
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Ref: 45
Solicitors for the above-named Company

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
NO. 006249 OF 1994
IN THE MATTER of LONDON MAY FAIR HOTEL LIMITED and IN THE MATTER of THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION was on the 29 September 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the CONFIRMATION of the REDUCTION of the SHARE PREMIUM ACCOUNT of the above-named Company by £29,418,302.
And Notice is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday 2nd day of November 1994.
Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of share premium account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated the 14th day of October 1994
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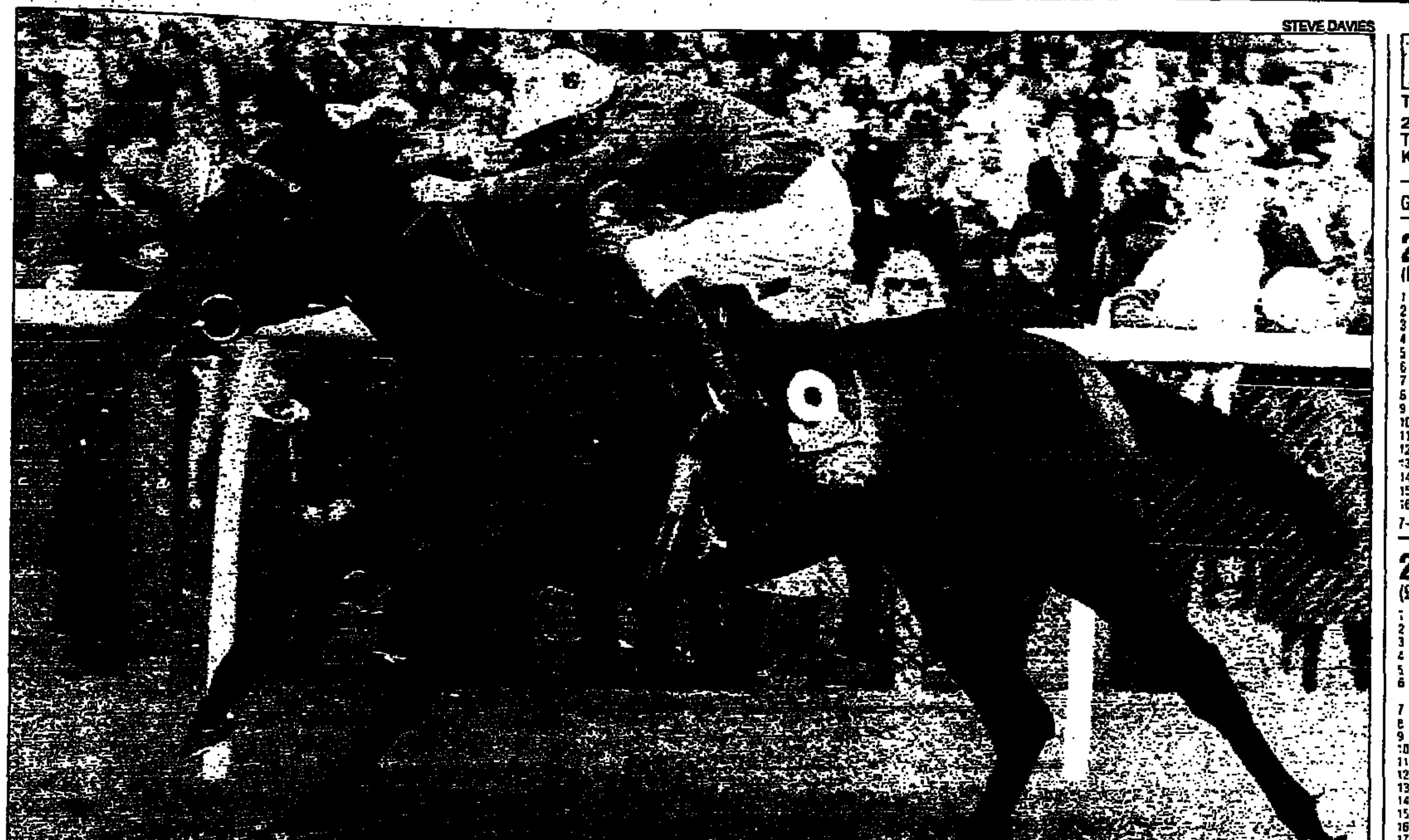
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
No: 006704 1994
CHANCERY DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF: GLENCHEWTON PLC AND IN THE MATTER OF: THE COMPANIES ACT 1985.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 12th October 1994 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £8,832,886 to £8,000,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 13th day of October 1994.
Dated this 20th day of October 1994
Morgan Bruce Binks Stern
Queen's House
65/66 Lincoln's Inn Fields
London, WC2A 3LT

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver (for newspaper or London Gazette)
In the matter of Petra Computers Limited and in the matter of the Insolvency Act 1986
Registered number 2357785
Former company name Finalme Limited
Nature of Business Computer Services
Trade Classification 8683
Date of appointment of Administrative Receiver(s) 14 October 1994
Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: 3i plc
AB Thompson and RH Oldfield
Joint Administrative Receivers
(office holder no. 6413) (office holder no. 2618)
Po Box 730
20 Farringdon Street
London
EC4A 4PP

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
Rule 4.106(1)
Viceroy Travel Limited
In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
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Dated 13 October 1994
PR Copp
Liquidator

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White Muz
finishing speed
NEWBURY
COURSE SPECIALISTS


STEVE DAVIES

Turtle Island, the impressive winner of the Greenham Stakes and Irish 2,000 Guineas, has been retired to Coolmore Stud

White Muzzle has Kentucky date

By Our Racing Staff

WHITE Muzzle will attempt to revive his season in the Breeders' Cup Turf at Churchill Downs, Kentucky, next month. Peter Chapple-Hyam, his trainer, confirmed yesterday that the son of Dancing Brave would be part of the British challenge at the meeting on November 5.

"White Muzzle has recovered from his journey to Canada and seems fine," he said yesterday. "It has been decided that he should go for the Breeders' Cup Turf before a decision as to his future is made."

The four-year-old travels with a point to prove. His second to King's Theatre in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot has been overshadowed by the public argument over the riding tactics employed by Yutaka Take when they were sixth in the Forte Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp.

Last Sunday, reunited with John Reid, White Muzzle was last of nine in the Rothmans International at Woodbine in Canada. Chapple-Hyam was at a loss to explain fully the disappointing run, but did point to arthritis in White Muzzle's left shoulder as a contributory factor.

"He always seems to run badly around left-handed tracks," the trainer said of a trait which will be no help on the similarly left-handed turns of Churchill Downs.

However, the question of who will ride in Kentucky is unresolved. The André Fabre-trained Ski Paradise, who is also owned by Teruya Yoshida, is reportedly to be ridden by Take in the Breeders' Cup Mile. Chapple-Hyam, though, is adamant that Reid be given the mount on White Muzzle.

At least White Muzzle does have the opportunity to set the record straight. His stable companion, the Irish 2,000 Guineas winner, Turtle Island, has run his last race and will be retired to Coolmore Stud in Ireland, where he will stand alongside his sire, Fairy King. The Robert Sangster-owned colt also numbered the Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot, Heinz '57' Phoenix Stakes at Leopardstown and Gimcrack Stakes at York last season among his successes, as well as the Greenham Stakes on his seasonal debut at Newbury this term.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SHARP FALCON
(5.10 Newbury)

Next best: Naked Welcome
(3.00 Pontefract)

However, it was an astonishing 15-length success on heavy ground in the Irish 2,000 Guineas at the Curragh that made his name, although he was never to win again. He won six of his 13 career starts and was only once out of the first four.

At Maisons-Laffitte this afternoon, the Julie Cecil-trained Pater Noster, the mount of Paul Eddery, takes on seven rivals in the listed £13,730 Prix Phil Drake over a mile. The winner of a listed event over this course and distance last December, Pater Noster receives 9lb from the group winners Jeune Homme and Zabar.

William Hill have installed the recent Ascot winner Blushing Flame, trained by Michael Stoute, as the 8-1 favourite for the £30,000-added Tote November Handicap at Doncaster next month. David Hood, the bookmakers' spokesman, said: "We feel that Blushing Flame is the most progressive horse in the race and will be suited by a strongly-run 12 furlongs on Town Moor."

The company also bets: 12-1 Saxon Maid, 14-1 Burooj, Mr Confusion, Whitechapel, 16-1 Beauchamp Hero, Penny A Day, Ringmaster, The Flying Phantom, William Tell, 20-1 others.

A notable absentee will be the Ebor Handicap winner, Hasten To Add. The Mark Prescott-trained four-year-old was one of 22 withdrawn at yesterday's forfeit stage.

□ Absalom's Lady was yesterday confirmed as the outright winner of Saturday's Captain Quist Hurdle at Kempton Park. David Elsworth's mare was originally announced as having dead-heated with Large Action but the racecourse judge, Jane Stickels, later changed her verdict in favour of Absalom's Lady.

Finishing speed gives Hello Mister the edge

NEWBURY
BBC1

2.40: The form of Tudor Island's recent success at Newmarket has worked out particularly well, with the second and third winning since, and he will be hard to beat if proving equally effective over today's extra two furlongs. However, the front-running **Shujan**, who was fourth that day, has been slowly coming to hand this season and may turn the tables on 6lb better terms.

Connections tried to hold up the free-running Fatack in the Cesarewitch last week, but his saddle slipped at an early stage and his running there can be ignored. He has claims if learning to settle, but a greater threat is Sun Grebe. She found a remarkable amount of trouble in running when fifth of six at Ascot last time, and is better judged on her previous run at the same track, where she beat course specialist Bold Resolution.

3.10: Star Of Zilzal confirmed the promise of his debut when winning a Leicester maiden last week. However, this represents a much stiffer test, and Richard Hannon's progressive **Prussian Flag** makes more appeal. He put up his best performance at Doncaster last month, at a time when his trainer was enduring a quiet spell, staying on too strongly for Sonic Boy. Today's extended seven furlongs will suit, and he will take all the beating.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

Painter's Row appeals as the main danger, having been well touted before making a winning debut at Newmarket, where he justified favouritism despite looking in need of the experience. His stable companion, Citadeed, also has claims, having been beaten about a length when fifth to Sri Pekan in the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot, but has clearly had problems since. He is best watched here on his first run for four months.

James Fanshawe's Bishop Of Cashel comfortably won a Warwick maiden last time, but the bare form amounts to little, while Amin and Lab Test have both won their last three races but step up in class here.

3.40: With Double Blue, Margaret's Gift, Master Planner and Alasib all possessing good early pace, this may be set up for a horse with a strong finish, such as **Hello Mister**. His last three runs appear disappointing at first glance, but he was out of his depth against Zieten in a group two race at Newmarket last time, found five furlongs too sharp the time before, and was unsuited by soft ground when third at Yarmouth. He remains fairly treated, on a 5lb higher mark than when showing a fine turn of foot to win the Portland Handicap at Doncaster, and should go close at a big price.

The consistent Double Blue was runner-up in the Portland, but as a result of two subsequent wins has to meet Hello Mister on the same terms today, and Hard To Figure, who bounced back to form when runner-up in a listed race at Newmarket last week, makes most appeal of the remainder.

Robert Wright

PONTEFRACT

THUNDERER
2.00 Emily-Mou. 2.30 Tendresse. 3.00 Kalabo. 3.30 Thunderheart. 4.00 Our Robert. 4.30 Deliver. 5.00 Kings Assembly.

GOING: GOOD DRAW. 5F-6F. LOW BEST SIS

2.00 BROCKADALE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O: £2,642: 6f) (16 runners)

1 (15) 6000 COOL STEEL 34 (V) Miss S Hall 8-7 N Connorton 70
2 (4) 2345 COURT NAP 16 S Mellor 8-7 S Whitworth 71
3 (7) 600 DODDINGTON FLYER 45 R Hollinshead 8-7 W Ryan 86
4 (14) 05 HAPPY BRAVE 17 P Cundell 8-7 W Newnes 66
5 (3) 0000 HEE'S A DANCER 22 M Brittain 8-7 J Lowe 62
6 (9) 00 PERCY PARROT 15 R Whitaker 8-7 A Culhane –
7 (6) 5300 PURSUANCE 24 J Balding 8-7 L Charnock 71
8 (13) 2644 RYMER'S RASCAL 17 E Alston 8-7 J Fortune 78
9 (8) 206 TOAFF 19 M Camacho 8-7 R Price 88
10 (12) 0330 BOX OF DIAMONDS 15 (V) C Tinkler 8-2 M Wood 70
11 (5) 63 EMILY-MOU 21 E Dunlop 8-2 R Hills 89
12 (15) 006 FOXHILL BLUE 64 M Usher 8-2 C Adamson (7) 55
13 (2) 002 HIGH FOLLE 6 M Johnston 8-2 T Williams 92
14 (11) 50 JET CLASSIC 15 M Prescott 8-2 G Duffield 70
15 (1) MAZILLA W Haggas 8-2 B Russell (5) –
16 (16) 5250 OHNONOTAGAIN 61 B Murray 8-2 J Stack (5) 81

7-4 Emily-Mou, 3-1 High Folle, 7-1 Happy Brave, 8-1 Jet Classic, 10-1 others.

2.30 PACK SADDLE HANDICAP
(£3,600: 1m 2f 6yd) (19)

1 (3) 2036 ERZIA 15 (CD,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-10-0 S Copp (7) 96
2 (13) 0-06 LANKRIDGE 9 W Hern 4-9-9 M Birch 97
3 (7) 0451 SUPERLUMINAL 21 (D,S) G Rimmer 3-9-8 R Price 98
4 (5) 1440 CREDIT SQUEEZE 52 (D,F,G) R J Houghton 4-9-8 R Hills 93
5 (4) 0542 HILLZAH 6 (D,F,G,S) R Bastiman 6-9-7 H Bastiman (5) 95
6 (19) 00-3 ATHERTON GREEN 10J (C,D,F) J Glover 4-9-6 Dean McKeown 91
7 (15) 2316 CALDER KING 7 (C,F,S) J Eyre 3-9-6 N Varley (5) 95
8 (12) 0004 NO COMEBACKS 7 (D,F,S) E Alston 6-9-5 J Fortune 94
9 (9) 5000 IN THE MONEY 6 (F,G) R Hollinshead 5-9-4 W Ryan 94
10 (9) 6051 ARCTIC DIAMOND 148 (G) D Nicholls 3-9-2 Alex Greaves 87
11 (18) 3005 MR DEVIOUS 10 (D,F,G,S) C Allen 3-9-2 G Hind 94
12 (11) 30-0 JIHAAD 24 J Norton 4-9-2 N Connorton 84
13 (14) 4246 MISTER BEAT 14 (G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-9-0 J Stack (5) 96
14 (2) 2000 LOMBARD SHIPS 3 (B,F,G,S) A Bailey 7-8-13 A Mackay 87
15 (17) 0531 FRANCIA 5 (F,G) S Williams 4-8-13 (6ex) P McCabe (5) 91
16 (16) 3000 SCOTTISH PARK 14 (F,G,S) R Emery 5-8-12 T Williams 88
17 (1) 1405 ESSAYEFFSEE 31 (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-8-11 T Ives 92
18 (6) 00-0 TENDRESSE 9 (CD,F,G,S) R Hodges 6-8-10 A Clark 83
19 (10) 0024 NO SUBMISSION 12 (D,G,S) D Chapman 8-8-9 A Culhane 99

6-1 Calder King, 8-1 Superluminal, 9-1 Francia, 10-1 Atherton Green, 12-1 others.

3.00 TOTE SILVER TANKARD STAKES
(Listed race: 2-Y-O: £12,929: 1m 4yd) (7)

1 (5) 421 KALABO 107 (F) H Cecil 9-0 W Ryan 93
2 (6) 2043 MANFUL 14 (F) J Hetherton 9-0 N Kennedy 94
3 (1) 3101 NAKED WELCOME 6 (B,D,F,G) M F-Godley 9-0 G Duffield 99
4 (7) 60 ACTION JACKSON 23 G Rimmer 8-11 R Price 74
5 (2) 1 SAYEH 22 (S) H Thomson Jones 8-11 R Hills 77
6 (3) 5121 ALFAASELAH 14 (D,G,S) M Stoute 8-9 J Weaver 98
7 (4) 4130 EOSANLYN 6 (D,F,G,S) D Morris 8-9 T Ives 92

7-4 Kalabo, 9-4 Alfaaselah, 9-2 Manful, 7-1 Naked Welcome, 8-1 others.

3.30 BLUFF COVE HANDICAP
(£3,288: 2m 1f 216yd) (20)

1 (12) 1200 ATTADALE 17 (F,G) L Lungo 6-10-0 S Copp (7) 91
2 (6) /40- ERBIL 171J L Lungo 4-9-13 M Birch –
3 (8) 4401 THUNDERHEART 6 (F) L Cumani 3-9-12 (5ex) J Weaver 93
4 (2) 422- STINGRAY CITY 343J (S) L Lungo 5-9-7 S Webster 90
5 (17) 0011 AMBUSCADE 17 (C,S) E Alston 8-9-6 J Fortune 97
6 (15) 352- PURITAN 218J (CD,F,S) N Tinkler 5-9-1 Kim Tinkler 96
7 (14) 0-00 NEGO 5 (B) S Gollings 4-8-11 P McCabe (5) 95
8 (11) 5500 RISING TEMPO 15 (F,G) B Baugh 6-8-10 P Roberts (7) 91
9 (3) 13-0 IRON BARON 22J (C,F,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 5-8-10 T Ives 87
10 (1) 5000 HATAAL 5 (B,F) J Spearing 5-8-8 Dean McKeown 91
11 (5) 6120 PATROCLUS 148 (CD,F,G,S) J Mackie 9-8-7 J Stack (5) 88
12 (18) 0245 GINKA 29 W Hern 3-8-7 J Lowe 93
13 (4) 0300 MAAWY 33 C Smith 4-8-7 N Varley (5) 96
14 (9) 0226 CREEAGER 136 (D,F,G,S) J Wharton 12-8-6 A Mackay 90
15 (7) 3003 MOONSHINE DANCER 17 Mrs M Reveley 4-8-5 Darren Moffatt (5) 99
16 (10) 055- TROY BOY 180J G Moore 4-8-2 T Williams 87
17 (13) 4006 APPLIANCEOFSCIENCE 9 (G) K Wingrove 7-8-1 D Biggs 80
18 (20) 4200 SCALP 'EM 83 (F) P Evans 6-8-0 R Lappin 96
19 (19) 0-00 POETIC FORM 16 (B,G) C Weedon 4-7-12 R Price 80
20 (16) 000/ ROYAL MAZI 171P (F) B Rothwell 7-7-12 L Charnock –

7-2 Ambuscade, 9-2 Thunderheart, 6-1 Moonshine Dancer, 12-1 others.

4.00 BROOMFIELD NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,626: 1m 4yd) (22)

1 (13) 01 RED BUSTAAN 24 (D,G) A Stewart 9-7 S Whitworth 86
2 (14) 4501 PRUDENT PET 22 (G) C Fairhurst 9-0 J Fanning 89
3 (15) 0230 INTENDANT 14 Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0 W Ryan 89
4 (8) 551 TIDAL REACH 45 (D,G) S Norton 8-13 J Fortune 93
5 (17) 000 SEDVICTA 27 Mrs M Reveley 8-13 Darren Moffatt (5) 80
6 (9) 500 WESTMINSTER 36 M Tompkins 8-12 P Robinson 99
7 (5) 0426 OUR ROBERT 14 M W Easterby 8-9 L Charnock 92
8 (7) 3240 DRUMOCHTER 13 (B) D Morley 8-9 R Hills 98
9 (10) 503 RED SPECTACLE 19 P Haslam 8-7 J Weaver 80
10 (11) 4046 GRATE BRITISH 22 E Weymes 8-7 G Hind 94
11 (1) 550 PENMAR 17 (BF) J Etherington 8-5 R Hughes 80
12 (2) 6060 AL CORNICHE 23 (F) M Channon 8-4 J Stack (5) 90
13 (22) 6604 COLOSSE 37 M Jarvis 8-3 G Duffield 93
14 (4) 4000 HARRY BROWNE 17 Mrs J Ramsden 8-2 N Connorton 82
15 (20) 3165 RAINDEER QUEST 31 (F) C Smith 8-2 N Varley (5) 86
16 (18) 0060 DANUS REX 17 C Smith 8-1 D R McCabe (5) 92
17 (6) 000 SILENT SKY 40 C Hill 8-1 J Lowe –
18 (19) 2243 BITCH 61 (F) G Lewis 8-1 S Maloney 87
19 (21) 2600 CHADLEIGH WALK 17 R Hollinshead 8-1 D Denby (7) 91
20 (12) 0050 BARK'N'BITE 17 Mrs M Reveley 8-0 A Mackay 92
21 (2) 4006 ANOTHER BAILEYS 16 (F) M Johnston 8-0 T Williams 95
22 (16) 050 LADY PLOY 28 Mrs L Siddall 7-13 – 80

8-1 Red Bustaan, 12-1 Prudent Pet, Our Robert, Tidal Reach, 14-1 Another Baileys, Colosse, Intendant, 16-1 others.

4.30 STAPLETON HANDICAP (£4,143: 5f) (18)

1 (12) 2100 MACFARLANE 12 (D,G,S) M Fetherston-Godley 6-10-0 G Duffield 97
2 (13) 1400 JUST BOB 15 (D,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 5-10-0 D R McCabe (5) 83
3 (16) 5000 BALLASECRET 5 (CD,F,G,S) R Dickin 6-9-13 D Meredith (5) 90
4 (10) 1000 BEAU VENTURE 15 (D,F,G,S) F Lee 6-9-12 J Stack (5) 94
5 (14) 56-0 SISON 5 (D,G) K Wingrove 4-9-11 D Biggs 80
6 (8) 00-4 METAL BOYS 22 (CD,F,G,S) Miss L Siddall 7-9-11 W Newnes 93
7 (5) 1534 AFRICAN CHIMES 84 (D,BF,F,G) W O'Gorman 7-9-11 Emma O'Gorman (3) 86
8 (7) 2100 NAME THE TUNE 12 (D,G,S) P Howling 3-9-10 P Robinson 96
9 (4) 0050 DOMICKSKY 12 (D,F,G,S) M Channon 6-9-9 R Hughes 97
10 (15) 0000 MR M-E-N 26 (D,G,S) J Berry 3-9-8 S D Williams 98
11 (1) 0040 ALLLEGSHOBRAIN 5 (D,F) P Evans 3-9-6 J Fortune 90
12 (9) 1000 CAPTAIN CARAT 14 (BF,F) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-3 Dean McKeown 95
13 (17) 0210 DELIVER 30 (F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-3 J Weaver 93
14 (6) 0000 GONE SAVAGE 15 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) W Musson 6-9-1 A Clark 99
15 (2) 3006 SUPER ROCKY 3 (D,F) R Bastiman 5-9-0 A Culhane 90
16 (3) 1430 IRADAH 63 (D,F,G) H Thomson Jones 3-9-0 R Hills 87
17 (11) 0005 COLWAY RAKE 35 (V,D,G,S) J Watts 3-8-13 N Connorton 90
18 (18) -210 FAIREY FIREFLY 15 (F) M Camacho 3-9-9 L Charnock 91

8-1 Gone Savage, 10-1 Metal Boys, 12-1 Just Bob, Iradah, Deliver, Domicksky, 14-1 others.

5.00 BROCKADALE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(Div II: 2-Y-O: £2,632: 6f) (16)

1 (1) 00 BURY THE HATCHET 21 M Tompkins 8-7 P Robinson 99
2 (9) FRANKLINSBOY J Wilson 8-7 A Culhane –
3 (6) 0 GOLDEN FISH 15 J Eyre 8-7 S Maloney 85
4 (16) GYMCRAK HERO C Holmes 8-7 J Fortune –
5 (11) 0 KINGS ASSEMBLY 64 P Harris 8-7 J Weaver 83
6 (12) 206 MASTER MILLFIELD 52 C Hill 8-7 G Hind 93
7 (15) 66 MR EGLANTINE 111 A Smith 8-7 M Birch 72
8 (10) NESSUN DORO S Mellor 8-7 S Whitworth –
9 (4) 0000 SIGNOR NORTONE 73 S Norton 8-7 T Williams 77
10 (3) 00 SPEEDY SNAPS PRIDE 7 (B) P Cundell 8-7 W Newnes 80
11 (13) 0 FAILTE RO 17 J Banks 8-2 A Mackay –
12 (14) 000 FYNE SONG 22 C Wall 8-2 J Lowe –
13 (7) 0 GRANNY'S LEGACY 26 J Bethell 8-2 R Hills –
14 (8) 0 NITE-OWL DANCER 26 P Calver 8-2 G Duffield 92
15 (3) 00 PATS DELIGHT 24 S Coathup 8-2 T Williams –
16 (5) 0504 RICANA 31 W Kemp 8-2 J Marshall (5) 80

4-1 Master Millfield, 6-1 Bury The Hatchet, 7-1 Kings Assembly, 8-1 Fyne Song, Golden Fish, 10-1 Ricana, 12-1 Speedy Snaps Pride, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 17 winners from 36 runners, 47.2%; A Stewart, 7 from 25, 28.0%; L Cumani, 6 from 24, 25.0%; H Thomson Jones, 7 from 29, 24.1%; C Hill, 4 from 19, 21.1%; M Stoute, 6 from 31, 19.4%.

JOCKEYS: S Copp, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50.0%; W Ryan, 17 from 85, 20.0%; D Biggs, 5 from 26, 19.2%; J Stack, 3 from 18, 16.7%; G Hind, 5 from 31, 16.1%; Alex Greaves, 5 from 40, 12.5%.

Blinkered first time

NEWBURY: 3.40 Cool Jazz. 4.40 Lixos, Zeetaro. 5.10 Brentwood. PONTEFRACT: 2.00 Cool Steel. 4.00 Drumochter. 4.30 Colway Rake. 5.00 Speedy Snaps Pride.

WINCANTON

THUNDERER
2.20 Young Baldric. 2.50 Final Pride. 3.20 Givus A Buck. 3.50 Lyphantastic. 4.20 Bonsai Bud. 4.50 Routing.

GOING: FIRM SIS

2.20 NETHER WALLOP NOVICES CHASE
(£2,846: 2m 5f) (4 runners)

1 50-1 YOUNG BALDRIC 8 (D,F) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-6 W Marston
2 0-P5 ANDALUCIAN SUN 15 G Balding 6-11-0 B Clifford
3 0-43 NICK THE DREAMER 2 (F,G,S) W G M Turner 9-11-0 R Dunwoody
4 -1P4 LADY BUNTING 24 (F) Miss B Sanders 7-10-9 M Richards

4-6 Young Baldric, 3-1 Andalucian Sun, 7-2 Nick The Dreamer, 10-1 Lady Bunting.

2.50 K J PIKE & SONS MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (£2,093: 2m 6f) (8)

1 2410 MULLED ALE 12 (G) S Sherwood 4-11-3 J Osborne
2 1-23 FINAL PRIDE 19 (BF,F) N Twiston-Davies 8-10-12 C Llewellyn
3 00 ITS A MUGS GAME 14 R Hodges 6-10-12 A Tory
4 P00/ MAJESTIC DREAM 616 C Mitchell 10-10-12 D Bridgwater
5 F/55 PENHILL FLAME 8 (G) N Mitchell 8-10-12 Miss S Mitchell (7)
6 0/ WADSWICK COUNTRY 694 A Jones 7-10-12 S McNeill
7 P MEDIAS MAID 42 H Howe 4-10-10 Guy Lewis (5)
8 24-3 NANQUIDNO 16 Mrs J Retter 4-10-10 S Fox (5)

Evens Final Pride, 3-1 Mulled Ale, Nanquidno, 16-1 Penhill Flame, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: O Sherwood, 8 winners from 25 runners, 32.0%; Mrs J Pitman, 16 from 53, 30.2%; N Twiston-Davies, 8 from 30, 26.7%; J White, 3 from 13, 23.1%; S Sherwood, 5 from 28, 17.9%; A Turnell, 8 from 46, 17.4%; Miss H Knight, 3 from 18, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 31 winners from 140 rides, 22.1%; J Osborne, 9 from 45, 20%; C Llewellyn, 10 from 68, 14.7%; G Bradley, 5 from 36, 13.9%; Guy Lewis, 3 from 23, 13.0%; P Holley, 9 from 73, 12.3%.

3.20 DESERT ORCHID SOUTH WESTERN PATTERN CHASE (Limited handicap: £16,075: 2m 5f) (6)

1 5F-1 EGYPT MILL PRINCE 13 (C,F,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-10 W Marston
2 12/1 GIVUS A BUCK 13 (B,F,G,S) D Elsworth 11-11-10 P Holley
3 211- BOSCEAN CHIEFTAIN 166 (CD,F,S) Mrs J Retter 10-11-8 R Dunwoody
4 /4P- YOUNG POKEY 176 (F,G) O Sherwood 9-11-0 J Osborne
5 04-4 BIBENDUM 13 (CD,F,G,S) R Waley-Cohen 8-10-13 Peter Hobbs
6 121- MULBANK 176 (F,G,S) P Hobbs 8-10-8 C Maude

6-4 Egypt Mill Prince, 5-2 Givus A Buck, 9-2 Boscean Chieftain, 6-1 others.

3.50 TRAVIS PERKINS NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,408: 2m) (9)

1 5-13 FIELDRIDGE 14 (BF,G) C Brooks 5-11-5 G Bradley
2 33-1 MILLION IN MIND 14 (D,F) J White 5-11-5 J Railton
3 3P DODGY DANCER 36 M Usher 4-10-12 J Osborne
4 4P-5 LYPHANTASTIC 26 C Mann 5-10-12 R Dunwoody
5 04 MORSTOCK 14 R Hodges 4-10-12 A Tory
6 0- MR COPYFORCE 36F Miss B Sanders 4-10-12 M Richards
7 00P- ORUJO 187 Miss H Knight 6-10-12 R Marley
8 03-5 QUINTA ROYALE 14 L Snook 7-10-12 N Williamson
9 6- SPRING SUNRISE 142F B De Haan 4-10-7 S McNeill

6-4 Fieldridge, 5-2 Million In Mind, 8-1 Dodgy Dancer, 10-1 others.

4.20 BLACKDOWN HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,522: 3m 1f 110yd) (5)

1 2P-4 BONSAI BUD 19 (CD,F,G,S) D Murray Smith 11-12-0 D Gallagher
2 /54- LAUNDRYMAN 268 (G,S) M Bradstock 11-11-6 G Bradley
3 45-4 TAMMY'S FRIEND 26 (B,F,S) C Mann 7-10-11 R Dunwoody
4 F46- SHASTON 176 (B,CD,F,G,S) W G M Turner 9-10-7 P Holley
5 4U-5 SOCIAL CLIMBER 12 (G,S) A Turnell 10-10-5 S McNeill

5-4 Bonsai Bud, 11-4 Social Climber, 9-2 Tammy's Friend, 6-1 others.

4.50 BLANDFORD HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,636: 2m) (4)

1 10U2 ROUTING 14 (F) M Ayliffe 8-11-10 A P McCoy (5)
2 11P- CHAPEL OF BARRAS 9F (D,G,S) P Hobbs 5-11-7 Peter Hobbs
3 60-1 NADJATI 21 (D,F) D Gandolfo 5-11-4 M Dwyer
4 0P/0 SULLI BOY 10 (D,F) Miss B Sanders 9-10-12 M Richards

5-4 Nadjati, 6-4 Chapel Of Barras, 7-2 Routing, 12-1 Sulli Boy

NEWBURY

THUNDERER
2.10 Dawalib
2.40 Shujan
3.10 Prussian Flag
3.40 Hello Mister
4.10 Didina
4.40 Bataan
5.10 SHARP FALCON (nap)

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.10 DIDINA.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.10 MOON STRIKE (nap). 3.10 Star Of Zilzal. 3.40 New Capricorn.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.10 VODAFONE BRITISH AND NORTHERN RACING SCHOOLS APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£3,444: 7f) (27 runners)

101 (6) 21004 CAMERON HIGHLAND 62 (B) (HRH Sultan Ahmad Shah) P Cole 3-10-0 S Drowne 89
102 (25) 5-03300 HIGHLAND MAGIC 26 (D,G,S) (Miss N Carroll) M Fetherston-Godley 6-9-13 A Garth 83
103 (16) 422100 KNOBBLEENEEZE 12 (V,CD,F,G,S) (A Andrews) M Channon 4-9-12 D Sweeney (7) 86
104 (19) 123-406 SUAAD 19 (D,G) (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-9-11 Catherine Cooper (4) 88
105 (1) 0-1600 BRYAN ROBSON 19 (F) (Highflyers) G Balding 3-9-9 A Eddery 88
106 (13) 034353 KING OF SHOW 26 (V) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-9-5 J Tate 85
107 (17) 02-0046 AITCH N'BEE 103 (D,G,S) (Lady Herries) Lady Herries 11-9-5 P Doe (7) 83
108 (12) 20-6220 SILVER GROOM 38 (BF,F,S) R Akehurst 4-9-3 S Sanders 82
109 (20) 1-02310 PINK BRIEF 83 (D,G) (Mrs W Sarner) B Meehan 3-9-2 Mark Denaro 85
110 (9) 50-0006 THUNDER RIVER 90 (D,F) (Mrs M de Zulueta) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-2 G Mitchell 90
111 (27) 208003 MOON STRIKE 7 (B,F,G) (A Foustok) W Jarvis 4-9-2 K Rutter 87
112 (11) 404080 EBONY BLAZE 12 (Le Club (Racing)) C Wildman 3-9-1 M Baird (4) 82
113 (18) 505660 MULLITOVER 19 (D,S) (Mrs D Mulley) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-1 Stephen Davies 84
114 (7) 640082 WAVE HILL 3 (V,C,F,G) (J Whelan) P Hedger 5-8-11 L Suthern (4) 87
115 (24) 500500 GREAT HALL 10 (B,C,F,G) (P Cundell) P Cundell 5-8-11 D Griffiths 85
116 (15) 114300 FORT KNOX 19 (D,F,G) (Miss C Markowski) R Flower 3-8-8 R Studholme (7) 86
117 (5) 052010 ADMIRALELLA 12 (F,G) (E Mortimer) J Akehurst 3-8-7 S McCarthy (4) 86
118 (22) 002300 DOUBLE SHIFT 9 (BF) (K Mercer) B Millman 5-8-7 A Lakeman (4) 84
119 (21) 224-840 PIRATES GOLD 89 (G) (E Nott) J White 4-8-7 P Bowe 80
120 (4) 132052 PUSEY STREET BOY 9 (D,BF,F,G,S) (C Marks) J Bosley 7-8-7 R Painter 85
121 (2) 306018 ST MARTHA 10 (D,G,S) (M Keogh) M Tompkins 4-8-6 S Mulvey 90
122 (23) 003606 DAWALIB 14 (G) (Jack Brown Bookmaker Ltd) D Haydn Jones 4-8-4 S Lanigan 84
123 (3) 003860 DUELLO 9 (J Oliver) M Blanshard 3-8-2 R Waterfield (4) 83
124 (8) 202362 JOLTO 17 (D,G) (Danebury Racing) K Cunningham-Brown 5-8-2 C Teague 89
125 (26) 160200- AHJAY 356 (D,F) (R Thomas) D Wilson 4-7-13 R Havlin 85
126 (10) 140/000 WAVERLEY STAR 9 (F,G,S) (S Pedersen) K C-Brown 9-7-12 G Milligan (4) 82
127 (14) 050350 GLEN MILLER 44 (D,F) (M Tabish) J Payne 4-7-10 Nicola Howarth (4) 84

BETTING: 6-1 Moon Strike, 10-1 King Of Show, 12-1 Wave Hill, 14-1 Jolto, St Martha, Pusey Street Boy, 16-1 others

1993: DUCKEY FUZZ 5-8-12 Michael Denaro (7-1) R Flower 23 ran

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JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 51 winners from 279 rides, 18.3%; L Dettori, 36 from 214, 16.8%; W Carson, 41 from 259, 15.8%; J Reid, 32 from 218, 14.7%; D Harrison, 10 from 76, 13.2%; M Roberts, 34 from 259, 13.1%.

FORM FOCUS

KNOBBLEENEEZE best recent effort beat Astrac ½l in 15-runner handicap here (7f 64yd, soft) with HIGHLAND MAGIC (7lb better off) 28½l 13th. SUAAD about 4½l 6th of 17 to Bagshot in handicap at Goodwood (7f, good to firm) with FORT KNOX 5¾l 9th, BRYAN ROBSON (2lb better off) short-head 10th and EBONY BLAZE (6lb better off) 11l 16th. KING OF SHOW 4l 3rd of 16 to Ochos Rios in handicap at Haydock (7f, good to soft). SILVER GROOM beat Zajko head (placings of first two later reversed) in 16-runner handicap at York (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. MOON STRIKE ¾l and head 3rd of 28 to Polish Admiral in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good). WAVE HILL neck 2nd of 20 to Quantity Surveyor in handicap at Nottingham (1m, good to firm). PUSEY STREET BOY short-head 2nd of 12 to First Gold in handicap at Chepstow (7f, good) with DOUBLE SHIFT 6½l 7th. ST MARTHA beat JOLTO (12lb better off) ½l in 20-runner rated stakes at Warwick (7f, soft) with PUSEY STREET BOY (7lb better off) 6l 5th.
Selection: JOLTO

2.40 VODAFONE GROUP HANDICAP
BBC1
(£5,436: 2m) (12 runners)

201 (5) 212200 JACK BUTTON 5 (D,F,G,S) (A and B Racing) Bob Jones 5-10-0 M Wigham 92
202 (3) 212-062 PURPLE SPLASH 15 (B) (C Walford) P Makin 4-9-9 L Dettori 95
203 (6) 3001-03 GOOGLY 19 (C,G,S) (Mrs M Horan) J White 5-9-4 J Williams 99
204 (8) 042515 SUN GREBE 13 (D,F,G,S) (Sir Thomas Pilkington) J Dunlop 4-9-1 Pat Eddery 92
205 (7) 000815 BRANDON PRINCE 28 (CD,F,G,S) (R Michaelson) I Balding 6-9-0 D Griffiths (5) 94
206 (12) 163221 TUDOR ISLAND 20 (F,G) (D Seall) C Brittain 5-8-12 M Roberts 96
207 (1) 500-105 ELAINE TULLY 24 (G) (Mrs P Wilkins) P Hobbs 6-8-12 J Reid 90
208 (2) 001-004 SHUJAN 28 (G,S) (Sir Eric Parker) R Akehurst 5-8-11 T Quinn 97
209 (4) 122444 BOTTLES 15 (F,G) (R Taylor) J Banks 7-8-6 L Newton (5) 93
210 (10) 130050 ALLMOSA 5 (D,F,G) (The Durdans Four (II) Two) T Naughton 5-7-11 Stephen Davies 96
211 (11) 0/0/0-20 FATACK 5 (J Barnett) Miss J S Doyle 5-7-9 J Quinn 98
212 (9) 233003 BEE BEAT 8 (F) (D Travers-Clark) A Chamberlain 6-7-7 Martin Dwyer (7) 91

Long handicap: Bee Beat 7-4.

BETTING: 3-1 Shujan, 5-1 Tudor Island, 6-1 Googly, 7-1 Sun Grebe, 8-1 Brandon Prince, Bottles, Jack Button, 10-1 others.

1993: MONARDA 6-8-11 T Quinn (5-1) P Cole 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

JACK BUTTON 8¾l 9th of 32 to Captain's Guest in Cesarewitch handicap at Newmarket (2m 2f, good to firm) with ALLMOSA (7lb better off) 11½l 12th. GOOGLY 2¼l 3rd of 4 to Captain's Guest in conditions race at Goodwood (2m, good to firm). SUN GREBE beat Bold Resolution neck in 12-runner handicap at Ascot (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start with BRANDON PRINCE (2lb better off) about 3¼l 5th and BEE BEAT (5lb better off) 2¼l 6th. TUDOR ISLAND beat Transom 1¾l in a 16-runner handicap at Newmarket (1m 6f, good to firm) with SHUJAN (6lb better off) neck and 2½l 4th and JACK BUTTON (6lb better off) 9¾l 9th. ELAINE TULLY beat Primo Figlio 1½l in 13-runner handicap at Nottingham (1m 6f, good)
Selection: TUDOR ISLAND (nap)

3.10 VODAFONE HORRIS HILL STAKES
BBC1
(Group III: 2-Y-O colts & geldings: £23,034: 7f 64yd) (11 runners)

301 (4) 222111 AMIN 29 (D,F,G,S) (Shaikh Amin Dahlawi) J Bethell 8-12 G Carter 96
302 (10) 21316 BE MINDFUL 23 (D,F) (C Wills) J Fanshawe 8-12 D Harrison 91
303 (11) 61 BISHOP OF CASHEL 16 (D,S) (Moneriso Ltd) J Fanshawe 8-12 W Woods 92
304 (2) 115 CITADEED 128 (F,G) (I Allan) P Chapple-Hyam 8-12 K Darley 99
305 (3) 206111 LAB TEST 34 (CD,G,S) (U Liner Services Ltd) C Williams 8-12 J Quinn 91
306 (5) 1 PAINTER'S ROW 21 (D,F) (Lord Weinstock) P Chapple-Hyam 8-12 J Reid 88
307 (6) 3311 PRUSSIAN FLAG 42 (D,G) (M Pescod) R Hannon 8-12 L Dettori 95
308 (7) 31 STAR OF ZILZAL 9 (D,G) (Mana Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-12 W R Swinburn 86
309 (8) 5 TAKLIF 21 (H Al Maktoum) B Hills 8-12 W Carson 81
310 (1) 651 TIRA HEIGHTS 35 (G) (G Tong) R Armstrong 8-12 Pat Eddery 94
311 (9) 0 TYPHOON EIGHT 21 (M Siu) B Hills 8-12 M Hills –

BETTING: 5-1 Citadeed, Prussian Flag, 6-1 Painter's Row, 7-1 Lab Test, Star Of Zilzal, 8-1 Bishop Of Cashel, Amin, 10-1 others.

1993: TATAMI 8-12 M Roberts (4-1) L Cumani 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

AMIN beat Mentor 1½l in 4-runner conditions race at Chester (7f 122yd, good to soft). BISHOP OF CASHEL beat Falkin 11l in 16-runner maiden at Warwick (7f, soft). CITADEED about 1l 5th of 16 to Sri Pekan in Group III Coventry Stakes at Ascot (6f, good to firm). LAB TEST beat Al Liberty 3½l in 8-runner nursery over course and distance (soft). PAINTER'S ROW beat Varzan neck in 15-runner maiden at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). PRUSSIAN FLAG beat Sonic Boy ½l in 8-runner conditions race at Doncaster (7f, good). STAR OF ZILZAL beat Akil ½l in 16-runner maiden at Leicester (7f, good).
Selection: PRUSSIAN FLAG

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell P — pulled up U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified) Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy) Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.40 GARDNER MERCHANT RATED HANDICAP
BBC1
(£7,950: 6f 8yd) (15 runners)

401 (4) 100302 HARD TO FIGURE 5 (D,F,G,S) (J Mursell) R Hodges 8-9-7 R Cochrane 98
402 (3) 064504 COOL JAZZ 26 (D,B,S) (Saeed Manana) C Brittain 3-9-2 M Roberts 89
403 (1) 0P0551 THE PUZZLER 25 (D,G,S) (Lady R Wellesley) M Kauntze (Ire) 3-9-1 W J O'Connor 96
404 (13) 611360 HELLO MISTER 7 (D,F,G,S) (B Mitten) J O'Donoghue 3-8-13 S Sanders (5) 98
405 (11) 220101 DOUBLE BLUE 9 (D,F,G,S) (R Huggins) M Johnston 5-9-12 (3ex) Oliver Casey (7) 95
406 (8) 250630 MARGARET'S GIFT 20 (D,G,S) (Mrs T Holdcroft) J Berry 4-8-11 J Carroll 93
407 (7) 003400 MASTER PLANNER 5 (D,F,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 5-8-11 J D Smith (5) 98
408 (10) 000000 BRANSTON ABBY 12 (CD,F,G,S) (J Abell) M Johnston 5-8-10 J Reid 91
409 (6) 061000 DUPLICITY 12 (D,F,S) (B Keay) L Holt 6-8-8 A McGlone 94
410 (14) 132103 NEW CAPRICORN 20 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Green) M Jarvis 4-8-8 Pat Eddery 99
411 (15) 0-06655 BRAARI 20 (CD,F,G) (H Al Maktoum) B Hills 3-8-7 W Carson 96
412 (2) 016000 VENTURE CAPITALIST 33 (B,D,F,G) (S Lever) R Hannon 5-8-7 D O'Neill (7) 95
413 (12) 1-06031 NIGHT MELODY 22 (D,F,G,S) (P Savill) R Hannon 4-8-7 K Darley 98
414 (9) 602001 ALASIB 20 (D,F) (A Foustok) W Jarvis 4-8-7 L Dettori 95
415 (5) 012200 SHIKARI'S SON 14 (D,F,G) (A Spargo) J White 7-8-7 T Quinn 91

BETTING: 6-1 Night Melody, 7-1 The Puzzler, 8-1 Cool Jazz, Alasib, Double Blue, Branston Abby, 10-1 others.

1993: BRANSTON ABBY 4-9-7 M Roberts (13-2) M Johnston 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

HARD TO FIGURE 1¾l 2nd to Ebraih Ah at Newmarket (6f, good to firm) with MASTER PLANNER (6lb better) 5¾l 8th. COOL JAZZ 5¾l 4th to Lake Coniston at Ascot (6f, good) with HARD TO FIGURE (3lb worse) ¾l 8th. ALASIB beat Daring Destiny ¾l in Newmarket handicap (6f, good to firm) with BRAARI (6lb better) 1¾l 5th. BRANSTON ABBY (11lb better) 2½l 8th and MARGARET'S GIFT (10lb better) sh hd 9th.
Selection: HARD TO FIGURE

4.10 EBF THEALE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,180: 6f 8yd) (22 runners)

501 (9) AWESOME (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 9-0 K Darley –
502 (21) 02 BRANDON EXPRESS 15 (R Michaelson) I Balding 9-0 T Quinn 74
503 (10) COMMANDER GLEN (Ladyswood Racing Club) M Meade 9-0 M Perrett –
504 (13) 00 FLY THE EAGLE 7 (S Darby) D French Davis 9-0 N Adams –
505 (2) 42 HAKIKI 22 (H Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0 W Carson 84
506 (12) PRINCE ARTHUR (M Tabor) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 J Reid –
507 (7) SENADOR (C Stelling) R Charlton 9-0 S Raymont –
508 (22) SPORTING RISK (The Fortunate Few) P Harris 9-0 R Cochrane –
509 (14) 00 STUDIO THIRTY 17 (D Holden) R Dickin 9-0 J Carroll –
510 (1) TIRLIE (Mrs J Emerton) J Payne 9-0 W Hood –
511 (6) ALLYANA (C Strawbridge) I Balding 8-9 L Dettori –
512 (15) 0 BELLA COOLA 21 (K Readings) C Horgan 8-9 A McGlone –
513 (11) BOUNDLESS (R Harding) B Meehan 8-9 B Doyle –
514 (3) 00 CLASSIC PET 10 (Friary Bloodstock Company Ltd) C Horgan 8-9 W Woods –
515 (16) 32 DIDINA 33 (BF) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 8-9 Pat Eddery 99
516 (17) 00 EAST SHEEN 23 (D Turner) C Benstead 8-9 B Rouse –
517 (8) 0 KINGS OF CANVEY IS 69 (Kings Bloodstock Ltd) J White 8-9 J Williams –
518 (18) 46 LA DAMA 63 (A Christodoulou) B Hills 8-9 M Hills 84
519 (4) MAGICAL TOUCH (T Jennings) R Flower 8-9 Stephen Davies –
520 (20) 32 MASAFAH 36 (BF) (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-9 M Roberts 73
521 (19) SECRET MISS (B Naylor) A Jarvis 8-9 B Thomson –
522 (5) SUPREME THOUGHT (D Simester) L Cottrell 8-9 N Carlisle –

BETTING: 5-1 Didina, 6-1 Prince Arthur, 7-1 Masafah, 8-1 Brandon Express, Hakiki, Senador, 10-1 others.

1993: CAJUN CADET 9-0 Pat Eddery (15-2) R Charlton 21 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRANDON EXPRESS 4l 2nd to Forest Cat in York maiden (6f, soft). PRINCE ARTHUR (Mar 10, cost 68,000gns). By Fairy King: dam winner in Italy. DIDINA head 2nd to Desert Courier in course and distance maiden (soft) with HAKIKI 6¼l 4th and EAST SHEEN 12½l 13th. MASAFAH head 2nd to Musica in Beverley maiden (5f, good).
Selection: DIDINA

4.40 ENBORNE MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,236: 1m 2f 6yd) (22 runners)

601 (2) 632 BATAAN 14 (G Ohrstrom) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 N Carlisle 99
602 (4) 6 CARPATHIAN 27 (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 9-0 B Rouse –
603 (18) EMPEROR WALTZ (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 S Dawson –
604 (15) LAYHAM LOW (I Low) A Hide 9-0 C Nutter –
605 (8) 00 LIXOS 14 (V) (Miss C Fagerstrom) M Channon 9-0 Candy Morris 50
606 (11) 050542 MAZIRAH 30 (A Schiff) P Makin 9-0 M Perrett 66
607 (9) 5 RAIFORT 10 (Mrs M Dommie) A Stewart 9-0 F Norton –
608 (17) 0402 ROI DE LA MER 12 (P Goulandris) J Gosden 9-0 Dale Gibson 85
609 (6) 00- RUN WITH JOY 363 (M Banks) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 M Tebbutt –
610 (3) 522 SUNDIN 17 (BF) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 9-0 S O'Gorman 82
611 (5) 6042 THE FRENCH FRIAR 19 (T Waddington) G Balding 9-0 M Wigham 86
612 (20) 0 THROWER 10 (Mrs E Jacobs) W Brisbourne 9-0 A Proud –
613 (1) 245235 ZEETARO 24 (B) (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) W Hern 9-0 T Sprake 91
614 (19) 350040 DIAMOND PARK 17 (Clarendon Park Stud) R Hannon 8-9 R Perham 86
615 (14) 000056 FAIRFIELD CHOICE 40 (R Johns) R Baker 8-9 A Tucker 63
616 (13) 50-0 FORMIDABLE LASS 89 (E Gadsden) L Cottrell 8-9 C Avery –
617 (7) GODWIN (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-9 C Rutter –
618 (22) HATTAAFEH (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 8-9 W Hood –
619 (12) 5600 LADY REEMA 23 (Mrs S Tucker) Miss A Whitfield 8-9 R Street 72
620 (10) 50 SHAMAKA 134 (Shaikh Marwan Al Maktoum) C Brittain 8-9 G Crealock –
621 (21) 03 SUBTLE BLUSH 17 (C Stelling) R Charlton 8-9 S Raymont 73
622 (16) TIERRA COLORADA (E Johnson) R Williams 8-9 N Adams –

BETTING: 5-1 Emperor Waltz, 6-1 Bataan, 7-1 Godwin, Roi De La Mer, 8-1 Sundin, Subtle Blush, 10-1 The French Friar, 12-1 others.

1993: FOX SPARROW 9-0 S Raymont (Evens fav) R Charlton 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

BATAAN 1¾l 2nd of 8 to Plamola in maiden at York (1m 2f 85yd, good to soft) with LIXOS a distance 7th. MAZIRAH 2¾l 2nd of 18 to Cazzuto in handicap at Kempton (1m, soft). ROI DE LA MER 2½l 2nd of 22 to Master Beveled in handicap at York (1m 1f, good to soft). SUNDIN ½l 2nd of 17 to Current Speech in maiden at Pontefract (1m, soft) with SUBTLE BLUSH 2½l 3rd and DIAMOND PARK 20l 11th. THE FRENCH FRIAR neck 2nd of 12 to Uncharted Waters in maiden at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm). DIAMOND PARK 8¾l 4th of 17 to Touring in maiden at Bath (1m 2f, good) with ZEETARO 4l 5th and LIXOS 5¼l 8th. LADY REEMA 10l 7th of 14 to Granby Bell in maiden handicap at Brighton (1m 4f, good)
Selection: ROI DE LA MER

5.10 ROUND OAK HANDICAP (£6,073: 1m 2f 6yd) (18 runners)

1 (9) 3-30550 ALAFLAK 12 (F) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-9-10 W Carson 90
2 (5) 133302 FOX SPARROW 15 (CD,BF,S) (Miss M Sheriffe) R Charlton 4-9-3 S Raymont 97
3 (14) 5-60003 TABLAH 9 (S) (H Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-9-3 J Carroll 90
4 (12) 16-0500 WAYFARERS WAY 101 (S) (Lady Tennant) R Hannon 3-8-12 Pat Eddery 94
5 (8) 150103 BEAUMONT 15 (D,F,S) (Garth Thoroughbreds Ltd) J Pearce 4-8-11 A McGlone 95
6 (15) 414240 KISSAIR 27 (D,F,G,S) (T Benson) G Lewis 3-8-11 A Whelan (7) 93
7 (11) 302210 BRENTWOOD 15 (B,F) (Shaikh Essa Bin Mubarak) R Hannon 3-8-8 J Reid 98
8 (4) 252040 SEA BARON 12 (F) (Seven Seas Racing) M Blanshard 4-8-8 Stephen Davies 96
9 (13) 025000 SECRET ALY 12 (B Voak) C Brittain 4-8-7 M Roberts 98
10 (1) 433416 SHARP FALCON 15 (D,F,S) (G Mills) J Wharton 3-8-6 K Darley 99
11 (17) 03300 CANARY FALCON 27 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-5 J Tate (3) 90
12 (7) 106600 SURPRISE GUEST 15 (D,F,G,S) (M Doyle) M Johnston 3-8-5 G Carter 95
13 (2) 0422 LEGENDARY LEAP 16 (D Tylden-Wright) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-4 D Harrison 96
14 (18) 03000-0 PRAIRIE GROVE 175 (G,S) (Mrs M O'Kelly) J King 4-8-2 G Bardwell 88
15 (10) 3034-64 STATE FLYER 129 (G,S) (R Collard) C Mann 6-8-0 N Adams 94
16 (3) 133050 LORD OBERON 12 (C,F,G) (Mrs A Quinn) J Akehurst 6-7-12 Dale Gibson 96
17 (6) 330-000 ROSE ELEGANCE 40 (D,F,G) (E Badger) D O'Neill 5-7-7 D Wright (5) 92
18 (16) 124200 ROCK THE BARNEY 34 (D,G) (Mrs S Marks) P Burgoyne 5-7-7 M Henry (7) 93

Long handicap: Rock The Barney 7-6.

BETTING: 9-2 Fox Sparrow, 6-1 Beaumont, Tablah, Legendary Leap, 8-1 State Flyer, 10-1 Sharp Falcon, 12-1 others.

1993: GOOGLY 4-9-4 J Reid (9-1) W R Wightman 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

FOX SPARROW 1l 2nd of 14 to Tread The Boards in handicap at York (1m 2f 85yd, soft) with BEAUMONT (4lb better off) 4l 3rd and SURPRISE GUEST (4lb better off) 12l last. TABLAH 7½l 3rd of 5 to Morgana in conditions race at Chepstow (1m 2f, good). BRENTWOOD beat Manolete neck in 7-runner maiden auction at Pontefract (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start. SEA BARON 1l 4th of 18 to Mapengo in handicap at Salisbury (1m, good) with LORD OBERON (1lb better off) head 5th. SHARP FALCON 19½l 8th of 16 to Simaat in handicap at Haydock (1m 2f 120yd, soft) with BRENTWOOD (3lb better off) 30l last. LEGENDARY LEAP 4l 2nd of 16 to Khattat in rated stakes at Warwick (1m, soft).
Selection: FOX SPARROW

Solheim Cup team finds conditions much to its liking

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS WEST VIRGINIA

THE Solheim Cup starts here tomorrow in a part of the United States that is *not* regularly visited by major golf tournaments. The venue for the third match between the women professionals of the US and Europe is The Greenbrier, an old-fashioned resort of distinction and style where the staff outnumber the guests. It is set in 6,500 acres in the Allegheny Mountains.

West Virginia is the sort of place you drive through if you are hurrying to the sun-drenched beaches of Florida, or fly over on your way to the Mid-West or even the West Coast. It is quite difficult to get to. The Europe players flew in by Concorde and then took a local plane; others had a four-hour drive by coach or car from Washington DC. A consolation was that the drive was through an area of stunning autumnal beauty. Every twist of the undulating and quiet roads revealed a view that was as beautiful as the last.

The local papers have names like the *Charleston Gazette*, the *Reading-Eagle Times* and the *Lynchburg News & Advance*. You got a flavour of what's what in these rural parts by reading the second story of the day on the front page of the *Gazette*. "Fish are up the Creek" was the headline, accompanied by a picture of a dried-up river bed.

It as at The Greenbrier that the 1979 Ryder Cup was held, but other than that the area is best known to golfers for being the home of Sam Snead, the legendary American professional.

Snead was born in Hot Springs, Virginia, 50 miles from here, near Warm Springs and Healing Springs. He was in attendance yesterday, playing the part of the distinguished local celebrity, his Irish setter sitting quietly at his feet as he signed autographs. The only thing missing was that he was not sitting in a rocking chair. Al Stump wrote in his biography of Snead that the sides of the valleys of this part of West Virginia "are so steep the dogs wag their tails up and down".

Snead was on the practice range on Tuesday when Laura Davies and others were getting rid of some of the stiffness from their joints. He paused to watch Davies, a siege-gun of a hitter, launching shots into the distance. "He said to me, 'I'm glad to see you try and hit lots of shots'," Davies said. "He said he had always tried to do that, too. He also said he could see I had good timing."

On Tuesday, in the good weather that prevailed earlier in the week, Snead went round in 73, beating his age by nine strokes. In May 1959 he scored the lowest round of his career — a 59 — on the same course that the match this week is being played on.

It was raining yesterday and practice by both teams was curtailed in the morning, though why anyone from Europe should be deterred by a few drops of rain is surprising. It rained heavily before and during the last Solheim Cup, which was held at Dalmahoy, outside Edinburgh, two years ago.

Davies played only four holes at foursomes with Alison Nicholas, her likely partner in the foursomes and four-ball matches tomorrow and Saturday, so she had hardly warmed up. "It does seem like one of our courses with lots of trees," Davies said when rain had halted the practice. "It is very un-American. It should make us feel at home. When we play in the US we are normally used to courses with lots of lakes and lots of water."

During the Second World War The Greenbrier served as an internment facility for Japanese and German diplomats and their families. In 1942, it was bought by the US Army and converted to a 2,200-bed military hospital. The stories go that many wounded soldiers, transported there during the night, awoke believing they had died and gone to heaven.

It will be a heaven for one team this weekend, and perhaps a hell for the other, but for which remains to be seen.

Ballesteros driven on in bid for supremacy

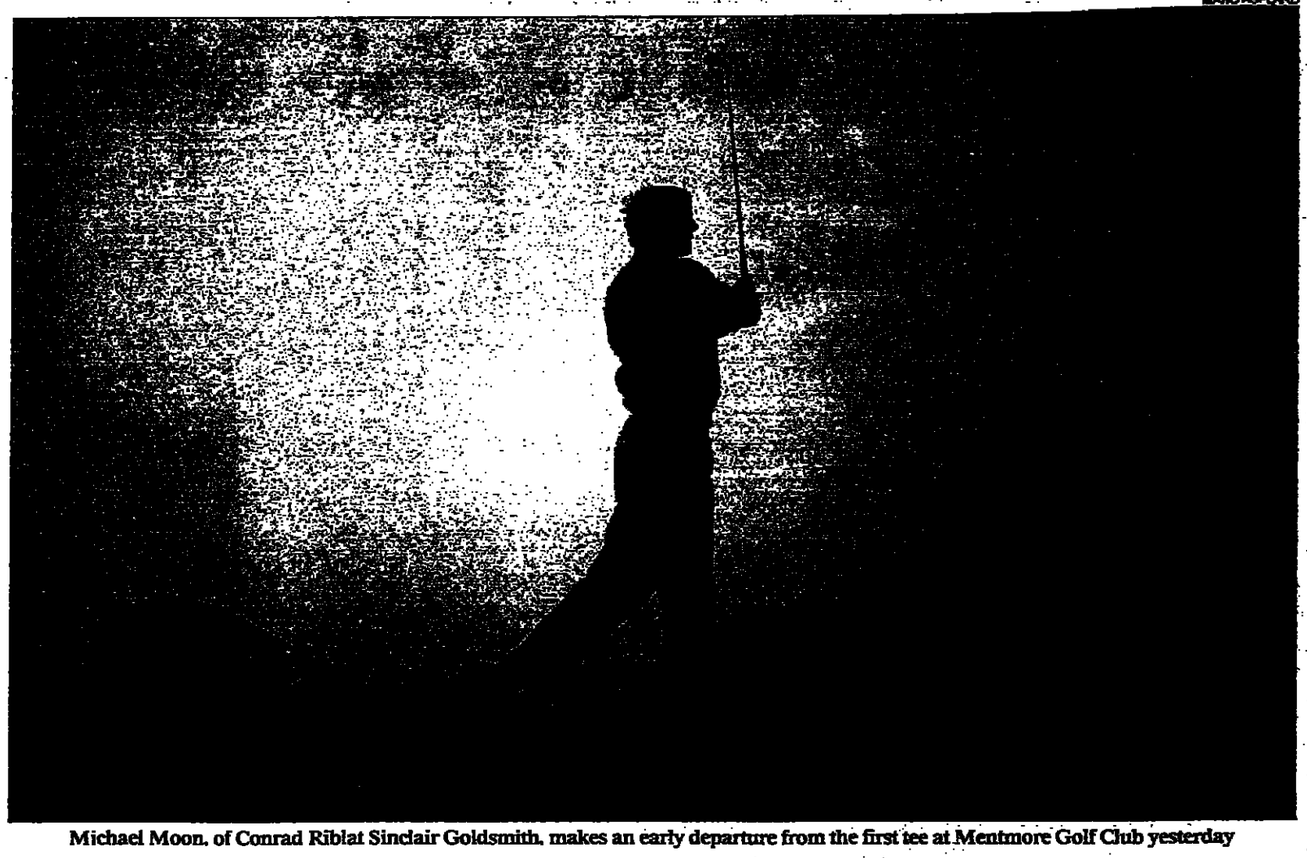
SEVERIANO Ballesteros is breathing down the neck of Colin Montgomerie in his determination to complete a remarkable rehabilitation this season by finishing top of the Professional Golfers' Association European Tour money-list.

With two tournaments remaining, Ballesteros is in second place in the Volvo order of merit with £454,848, £148,000 behind Montgomerie. The Spaniard said yesterday: "I want to give Colin a little bit of trouble. I want to make him sweat."

Montgomerie will be absent from the first Chemapol Czech Open, starting at the Marienbad Golf Club today, and Ballesteros added: "I think I will have to finish first or second here and first at the Volvo Masters in Spain next week to go to No 1."

Ryder Cup points are also up for grabs in both tournaments. Ballesteros, however, has accumulated 235,950pts and leads the table with no worries about making the European team.

His main problem this week will be how his fragile back stands up to the freezing conditions in a field that includes Bernhard Langer, Sam Torrance, Mark James, Joakim Haeggman and Peter Baker.



MARC ASPLAND

Michael Moon, of Conrad Ritblat Sinclair Goldsmith, makes an early departure from the first tee at Mentmore Golf Club yesterday

RAF team has La Manga in its sights

BY MEL WEBB

THE honour of Her Majesty's armed services was upheld with pride and not a little trepidation as a team from a Royal Air Force station in Norfolk won the Northern Home Counties regional final of *The Times*/Mees Pierson Corporate Golf challenge at Mentmore yesterday.

RAF Honington were one of the first two teams on the course, having qualified for the regional final on 150 Stableford points after their golf day at Richmond Park, Norfolk, in June.

They went to Mentmore with the intention of doing no more than enjoying their day out, but that simple aim eventually became something altogether more ambitious when they posted the highest score to date in the regional finals series.

They then had to endure getting on for three hours of suspense while the rest of the field slogged their way through cold weather and a mischievous wind in an effort to overtake them. Many tried, a couple got close, but their patience was rewarded in the end as they won with 94 points. The second, a point behind, was Europa European Express, with The Association of Licenced Free Traders third on 91, a score that would have won every other regional final but one.

By the time the last score came in, the four Honington players, SAC Jason Bartup, Corporal Tim Spurgeon, Sergeant Rob Philp and Corporal Neil Pearce, had subsided gently into a lather of anticipation. Fingernails chewed down to knuckles, their relief when a momentous victory was announced was palpable. Over the moon and chuffed for the lads they were to a man.

The team started on the tenth in numbers and Bartup, a gunner in the RAF regiment, had the hole in his sights from the off. He opened with three pars, bogeyed the 13th but then birdied the 14th. It would have been an impressive opening for anybody — for a 16-handicapper it was positively indecent.

Individual highlights apart — Philp, a 20-handicapper, chipped in from 20 yards on the third and Bartup birdied the seventh and 15th for four-point net eagles — their victory was essentially won by good teamwork.

Twice they scored seven points on a hole, but for the most part it was persistency that won the day.

"We dove-tailed together nicely as a team and the big thing was that we didn't have a single disastrous hole," Philp, a radar technician, said.

"We came here for a nice day out on a super golf course and we didn't expect anything. To win is a surprise for us, but we are absolutely delighted. We can't wait to get to La Manga and play on the course there."

Finally, a small tale of the benefits of youth. Nick Rigby, the youngest player in the field, won the prize for the longest drive, a huge effort of 369 yards on the practice ground. For the record, Rigby is 13. Extraordinary for such a young man to be able to hit the ball so far. A bit freakish even? Well, yes — but he was playing on a computer at the time.

RESULTS FROM MENTMORE

94: RAF Honington
93: Europa European Express Ltd
91: The Association of Licenced Free Traders
88: Conrad Ritblat Sinclair Goldsmith
88: Cable and Wireless; Tullett and Tokyo Forex International Ltd
85: Port of Felixstowe; KPMG Peat Marwick; Prudential-Bache (Futures) Ltd
84: Invicta Leisure Ltd; Osborne Morris and Morgan; BP Oil United Kingdom Ltd; Ernst and Young
83: DCH Construction; Graham Group plc
82: MeesPierson Corporate Banking Group
81: Total Oil Great Britain Ltd; Drakes Group Ltd
79: JBA International plc (Eastern Region)
78: Servicetec Ltd; Executives Association of Great Britain; International Business Communications (Holding) Ltd
73: Olivetti Supplies and Office Products

No return: UBS

SPORTS LETTERS

PFA cares for welfare of all its members

From the Chief Executive of the Professional Footballers Association

Sir, I was disappointed with the article by Rob Hughes (Weekend View, October 15), not least because it showed a total lack of understanding of what the Professional Footballers Association (PFA) does for its members.

For him to ask who cares for the welfare and compensation of professionals invalided out of football is ill-informed, particularly when he suggests that we are a mute voice in dealing with the problem of injured players and the latest court cases.

The PFA's income from moneys "swilling around in football" is a tiny percentage of that received in total by the Football Association, the Premier League and the Football League. His suggestion of a levy of five per cent on transfer fees to set up a scheme for players has been in existence since 1980 and we have paid out over £8 million to members.

This is a non-contributory scheme and anybody retiring through injury receives a payment automatically based on years of service and earnings. In addition, a player gets at least six months' value of his contract, together with an insurance package which may be added to by the individual and/or the club.

The PFA often negotiates successfully with the club for settlements far in excess of six months' value of contract and also, for example, a player may have a testimonial game, the receipts of which would be tax free. The PFA also represents its members at DSS tribunals, getting its members a pension for life when there is over 14 per cent disability. The PFA accident insurance scheme allows players to pay a premium per year of one per cent of total cover.

In the last 12 months we have paid out well over £500,000 to subsidise players' private medical insurance premiums so that our members have immediate access to the best possible treatment. Our benevolent fund and accident fund paid out approximately £250,000 on grants to former players and operations and treatment needed by such former players as Tommy Smith and Ray Kennedy. In the last 12 months over £250,000 was spent on educational courses preparing our members for the future and we paid out over £500,000 for medical equipment for the treatment of players. An additional £1 million per year has gone to subsidise the Youth Training Scheme and the Football Club in the Community Programme.

We have also been the instigator of meetings with the Football Association, the Premier League, the Football League and insurance companies to improve the present insurance package and lessen the need for our members to consider going to court when forced out of the game through injury. An arbitration panel is also in consideration, but this would need the backing of all parties.

The PFA is the one body in the game that spends all its time looking after the needs and interests of all its members, particularly those least able to protect themselves.

Yours faithfully,
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Talking the same language

From Mr William A. Anderson

Sir, It may be prophetic that, in the week John Major declared that both parties would be speaking Tory language at the next election due in 1995, Vernon Pugh, chairman of the International Rugby Football Board, confirmed (October 14) that rugby union was now speaking the language of rugby league.

"First there is the question of amateurism ... It is not simply a question of whether players should be paid ... It could also affect the laws and the way rugby is played. Second, there is the game itself. It is far too complicated at present. There is an urgent need to revise the laws for spectators and players alike."

The questions of amateurism and how rugby is played are the precise and essential reasons why two separate codes of rugby exist. If rugby union is now preparing the ground for an historic conversion, which will involve discarding its own foundling principles and pinching its rivals' clothing, then the irony can surely not be lost on Mr Pugh.

Could it be that the century-old contest between the two rugby codes has finally been played out, and that after rugby union's own potential watershed of the 1995 World Cup, it will be rugby league (in all but name) which is played throughout the world into the 21st century?

Yours faithfully,
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Health threat

From Mr Darren Bailey

Sir, Mr David Mooney (Sports Letters, October 6) identifies a long-standing problem in English football which, if allowed to continue, threatens not only the long-term healthy development of the game but, more importantly, the health and well-being of young footballers.

Notwithstanding the introduction of long overdue FA regulations, it is still possible at weekends in parks throughout the country to witness players as young as seven involved in 11-a-side matches on full-size pitches in front of screaming crowds of well-intentioned yet misguided adults.

It is amazing that we should continue to express surprise that some of our leading players appear to lack basic technique and composure on the ball when most were blooded in such a system, in which the emphasis is upon winning at all costs rather than the development of skill.

Of greater concern, however, is the damage players may suffer due to injuries caused by inappropriate training and by over-playing from such a young age. This season the FA has been forced to adopt strict controls over the number of games youngsters play because of recent experiences with boys attending its own centre of excellence at Lilleshall. It is alarming that more than half the possible intake have previously been refused places due to the discovery of stress fractures.

As a qualified FA coach, I recognise the urgent need for the introduction of a system of education and co-operation between the FA and clubs at the grass roots. The introduction of a limit on the number of games is a start, but without co-operation from clubs and parents such a scheme cannot be effectively policed.

Yours faithfully,
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Legalise lifting

From Mr D. M. Bain

Sir, "Phil Davies soars above the opposition to win lineout ball for Wales last night at Cardiff Arms Park". So runs the caption (later editions, October 13) to yet another splendid illustration of lifting at the lineout (No 1 very active and probably some support from behind Davies).

And why not? When so much of present day rugby union is negative or violent or both, lifting is at least a positive activity. Why not legalise it rather than turn a blind eye?

Yours sincerely,
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Expensive games

From Mr Derek Walters

Sir, So it looks as if Manchester will be the patsy that picks up the tab for the Commonwealth Games after all (report, October 11).

Before councillors and others begin to congratulate themselves, isn't it time somebody took a cold look at the facts and asked, if the Commonwealth Games are such a glittering prize, why is it that no other city in the world wants to be saddled with the monstrous enterprise?

The Games committee must be deeply relieved that there are still people eager to undertake a commitment which cannot be afforded. Actually staging the Games in 2002 would be an act of monumental folly that would leave Manchester with crippling debts that can never be repaid.

The commercial prospects are minimal. The Commonwealth Games are not an alternative to the Olympics. For a start, nobody from the United States will be taking part, nor can we expect any competitors from Russia, nor any of the countries of the former Soviet Union. Nor will we be seeing a single athlete from China.

Virtually the whole of South America is excluded, while the entire continent of Europe, both East and West, will be represented by the Rock of Gibraltar.

Forget the promise that the Games will bring wealth and thousands of jobs to Manchester. It is self-evident that the work can only be temporary, and who is to say that the jobs will go to Manchester people anyway?

Isn't it time that the city fathers stopped playing games and got on with the business of running the city?

Yours etc.,
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Oxford precedent

From Mr J. R. W. Gleave

Sir, I read with interest that Oxford is considering instituting bursaries for oarsmen (October 15). Oxford has had scholarships for scholar-athletes since early this century. They were founded by Cecil Rhodes. The academic requirements of the Cambridge rowing bursary are just as exacting as these.

Yours faithfully,
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Powerboat barrier broken by Gentry

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

TOM Gentry and Richie Powers, of the United States, have smashed the Class One offshore powerboat speed record with a run of 157.428mph over a kilometre-long course set in San Diego Bay. Gentry, who has held the transatlantic blue riband record since 1989, when his 110ft boat *Gentry Eagle* crossed from New York to the Scillies in little more than 62 hours, bettered the previous speed record — set last December by the Norwegian Andres Ugland and Fabio Buzzi, from Italy — by almost 12mph.

Their attempt was held up for two days by an unseasonal storm, but late on Tuesday, Gentry decided conditions had calmed sufficiently for his 40ft catamaran powered by twin 1,100hp Gentry turbo-charged engines to make the attempt.

Afterwards, the American racer, who has accumulated 20 world and national championships and six world speed records, said: "We anticipate future stabs at this record but those Italians are going to have to hustle. To find 12mph is not going to be easy."

☐ Isabelle Autissier, the French yachtswoman leading the BOC Challenge solo round-the-world race, was within 800 miles of Cape Town, the first stopover yesterday, having extended her lead to more than 1,000 miles over her nearest rivals.

Josh Hall, the British competitor who was forced to abandon his yacht *Gartmore Investment Managers* late on Monday after the boat was damaged in a collision, reported yesterday that he was safe and well aboard Alan Nebauer's 50ft *Newcastle Australia*.

Hall managed to take little more than a change of clothing and sufficient food for the 15 days it will take for the two to reach the Cape when transferring from his liferaft. Under the race rules, Hall is forbidden from playing any part in sailing Nebauer's yacht, but the Australian will be awarded a generous allowance for the time he lost during the rescue.

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Christie to target world indoor gold

LINFORD Christie will attempt to add a new athletics title to his collection next year as he branches out on his own after splitting from Andy Norman, his agent. Christie, 34, will run at the world indoor championships in Barcelona — an event which has not yet yielded him a gold medal. In Seville, in 1991, Christie was second to Andre Cason, of the United States, in the 60 metres and to Nikolay Antonov, of Bulgaria, over 200 metres.

He will prepare for Barcelona — and lay the foundations for the summer, which features the world championship — with two months' training in Australia from mid-December.

John Regis and Tony Jarrett plan to join Christie in Barcelona, but Colin Jackson will not. Already, though, Britain looks to have the makings of a strong team.

Lonsdale belt beckons

BOXING: Robert McCracken, the British light-middleweight champion, who is unbeaten in 21 bouts, will meet Carlo Colarusso, from Wales, at the London Arena on November 9 in pursuit of an outright Lonsdale belt. It will be McCracken's third contest in three months. He made a successful first defence of his title against Steve Foster in September before stopping Dean Cooper in a non-title bout last week.

☐ Roberto Duran, 43, the former world champion stopped Heath Todd in a middleweight contest in Missouri.

Takher joins squad

HOCKEY: The final place in the England squad for the World Cup tournament in Sydney, Australia, at the end of next month, has been filled by Kalbir Takher, the Cannock midfield player. Andy Humphrey, a defender from Hull, and Robert Thompson, the Hounslow centre forward, were also considered. Jon Potter, of Hounslow, and John Shaw, of Southgate, have been appointed captain and vice-captain respectively.

Simonek heads field

CYCLO-CROSS: Radomir Simonek, of the Czech Republic, the four-times world champion, heads the entry for the British Cyclo-Cross Association seven-nations race at Southampton on October 30. Simonek, formerly the junior, amateur and professional world champion, has had two seasons in the shadows after breaking his ankles in a car crash. Belgium, Luxembourg and Holland provide the other opposition to home riders, who are led by Roger Hammond.

Kent's finest left out

BOWLS: The Kent indoor selectors have left their best two players out of the side to play Surrey in the first round of the Manchester Unity Liberty Trophy on November 5. Neither Andy Thomson, the world indoor singles champion, nor Gary Smith, who helped him to the world pairs title in 1993, played in the recent Kent trial, and have been omitted in the interests of keeping a settled side.

Drechsler moves on

ATHLETICS: Heike Drechsler, from Germany, the Olympic long jump champion who will switch to the heptathlon in 1995, plans to compete in the pentathlon at the world indoor championships in Barcelona in March. She recorded a heptathlon world best for the season in France recently and said then that she hoped to compete in the heptathlon at the world outdoor championships in Gothenburg next year.

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Newcastle promise to entertain new audience in Bilbao

BY ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THUS far in Kevin Keegan's second coming on Tyneside, he is right even when he is wrong. The manager said immediately after his Newcastle United side gave away two of the three goals by which they led Athletic Bilbao in the Uefa Cup that "We committed a little bit of suicide tonight".

Someone known to Keegan — his former mentor, Bill Shankly — said that football was more important than life and death; but once Keegan realised his mistake, once it sunk in that suicide is not something you do a little bit of, he relaxed. Like Newcastle's game, it is all or nothing.

"The very thing that got us this far caught us out a little bit," he continued. "We are an adventurous side, but we'll keep doing it."

Indeed, that perspective is the one that has gravitated many towards the north-east this season and, should Newcastle repeat both their goalscoring and their naivety in the cauldron of the San Mames stadium in Bilbao in front of 45,000 voluble Basques in the second leg, then they will still go through and will have entertained a whole new audience.

In the meantime, the day is coming when someone at St James' Park decides Andy Cole has had enough. His sore shins cry out for rest, yet neither the doctor, the manager nor the player see fit to release him from a single game. Cole, looking no more fatigued than the rest of his colleagues this early in the season, again demonstrated that knack of doing little, but to such effect, that his presence created two goals and claimed the third, which was earned by his movement away from his marker and his awareness of precisely where to head the ball.

Cole said afterwards that his header from Ruel Fox's excellent cross had been as good as any of his goals this season: "I was really happy with the header, but I was more happy with the team performance for most of the game, although we're all a bit disappointed with the way it ended. If we go out to Spain and play as we can, there's no reason at all why we shouldn't come away with a win and that is the way we all feel.

"I certainly don't see why we shouldn't score a few goals in Spain. They're supposed to be a good side but we scored three on Tuesday and it could've been more.

"It might've been that we were a bit too keen, but that's the way we play. We've just got to go over there and play the same way. If we do that, hopefully we'll come out with a good result — although I think we'll come out with the right result anyway."

Yet it should be remembered what is at stake for Newcastle with this tie. There will be a 20-strong trade mission accompanying Newcastle to Bilbao the week after next, seeking, through the friendship of football, contracts. Such friendship encouraged Samsung, the South Korean conglomerate, to announce this week that it is to provide 3,200 jobs in a new plant to be built on Wynyard Estate, which is owned by the chairman of Newcastle United, Sir John Hall.

Now it seems Samsung would like to go further, for it is floating the idea of taking over the club's sponsorship. It has opposition. Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, which was there with cash when Newcastle almost folded three seasons ago, has recently bartered its way to a new three-year sponsorship, believed to be worth £2 million to the club.

The brewery is not surprised that there is opposition "now that United are the most successful team in the country". Which United? There is opposition there as well.

Opportunity slips from Villa's grasp

BY PETER BALL

ASTON Villa arrived back from Trabzon in the early hours of yesterday morning, unscathed but frustrated at their failure at least to draw a match they could have won.

Villa's worst fears about their trip to Trabzon had never been realised. Far from the trip to hell forecast in some overheated scene setting, Trabzon proved to be a busy, friendly port, while the crowd in the Avni Aker stadium on Tuesday evening wasnoisy, passionate but unthreatening.

After finding nothing to intimidate them, and then quietening the crowd's enthusiasm still further by controlling the first half, to lose to a late goal through the moment of defensive slackness which allowed Orhan a free header, was careless in the extreme. Paul McGrath, who had been outstanding, had a stronger interpretation. "It was criminal," he said.

Their 1-0 defeat in the first leg of this second-round Uefa Cup match may not be catastrophic, however. As Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, pointed out afterwards, Liverpool, the last English team to play in Trabzon, also lost 1-0 18 years ago, and they went on to win the trophy that year.

Liverpool are not alone. Barcelona and Internazionale also suffered defeats by the Black Sea, only to overturn their reverse in the second leg. As that suggests, and Trabzonspor's record in European competition confirms, the Turkish side traditionally have not been good travellers.

They have been improving, with a 0-0 draw in Cagliari last season. But with a new coach to be installed before the second match, Senol Gunes's resignation, handed in a couple of weeks ago, taking effect this weekend, they may be unsettled. On their second-half showing they cannot be taken for granted.

Of equal concern is the knowledge that their own crowd will need to be on their best behaviour after Wednesday's fine of SwFr25,000 (about £12,500) by Uefa for the pitch invasion after the first-round match with Inter.

"We tried to take a sympathetic view, and we accepted Villa's explanation that it reflected exuberance rather than aggression," Rene Eberle, the Uefa spokesman, said. "But there is still no excuse for fans being on the pitch."

Uefa are reacting strongly to crowd trouble, as is clear from the action taken against AC Milan, who were docked two points over a bottle-throwing incident in their 3-0 defeat of Casino Salzburg in the Champions' League last month.



Wise has shrugged off injury in time for Chelsea's Cup Winners' Cup first-leg tie tonight

Chelsea wary of confident Austrians

BY ALYSON RUDD

ONCE again, Chelsea square up to European opposition that are riding high in league football. FK Austria, like Viktoria Zizkov, who Chelsea conquered in the first round of the European Cup Winners' Cup, are leading their country's first division as they prepare for a first-leg tie at Stamford Bridge.

Curiously — and for Chelsea, unfortunately — clubs in the Champions' League stage of the European Cup, such as Barcelona or, more pertinently, Casino Salzburg, appear to be giving their European exploits priority over league performance, leaving the likes of FK Austria — the Vienna team that prefers not to be called Austria Vienna — to mount a confidence-boosting title challenge.

Chelsea have another reason to feel sore at Salzburg: the London club had drawn the first leg of their second-round match away, always a preferred fate, but with Salzburg playing in the Champions' League in the Austrian national stadium in Vienna last night, Uefa ordered Chelsea to host the first leg to avoid burdening the national stadium with two key fixtures on consecutive nights.

"We have an open view about this although you always prefer to play away from home first, you have a clearer indication of the task after 90 minutes," Peter Shreeves, the Chelsea assistant manager, said. At this stage, what is clear to Chelsea, is that FK Austria are more formidable opponents than were Viktoria.

"They're probably better than Viktoria were and certainly more experienced [in Europe] over the years," Glenn Hoddle, the Chelsea manager, said. "We've had them watched three times and screened videos so we know as much as we can about them."

Hoddle expects the Austrians to play defensively tonight, leaving Chelsea to make all the running. Egon Coordes, the Vienna team's German coach, has, according to Shreeves, "instilled German discipline".

Meanwhile, Chelsea's shape is being dictated to a large extent by injuries. John Spencer, Steve Clarke and Scott Minto have definitely been ruled out with, respectively, hamstring, knee and achilles problems. Hoddle, too, will not make the squad tonight, although Shreeves said he thought he could be fit for the second leg.

Dennis Wise has recovered from knocks sustained during Chelsea's 3-1 defeat by Arsenal on Saturday, but has not recovered the captaincy he lost at the weekend as a disciplinary measure.

Gareth Hall, the Wales international, who is deemed an assimilated player under Uefa rules, has been called into the squad, offering options both in defence and in midfield. Graham Rix, the Chelsea youth team coach, who played for 90 minutes in Jablonec in the first round, is also named as a squad member.

Cautious Sampdoria

SAMPDORIA began the European Cup Winners' Cup as one of the favourites for the competition, but their challenge was under unexpected pressure yesterday before their second-round tie with Grasshoppers, of Switzerland. At full strength, they should have had little trouble overcoming the Swiss in the first leg in Genoa, but injuries and a suspension have complicated their plans.

Both Vladimir Jugovic and David Platt, key figures in midfield, are ruled out with injuries while Roberto Mancini, the side's captain, is suspended. In his absence and with Mauro Berterelli, another striker, also injured, Alessandro Melli will play on his own up front.

Feyenoord, who struggled against Zhalgiris Vilnius in the first round, need to improve in Rotterdam against Werder Bremen is they are to progress. However, Werder have been impressive away from home in Germany, as the midfield player, Marco Bode, admitted: "We seem to have less difficultly away from home. We seem to get on better with opponents who take the game to us."

O'Sullivan slumps to surprise defeat by Higgins

BY PHIL YATES

JOHN Higgins claimed a notable and unexpected scalp when he beat Ronnie O'Sullivan 5-0 in the quarter-finals of snooker's Skoda Grand Prix at the Assembly Rooms, Derby, yesterday.

Earlier this month, in the last 16 of the Dubai Classic, O'Sullivan scored a convincing 5-1 victory over Higgins only two days after the Scot had achieved the best result of his career by eliminating Steve Davis 5-4, and O'Sullivan was fully expected to prevail again. However, a combination of ineffective tactical play from O'Sullivan, the United Kingdom champion, and a series of telling contributions from Higgins helped him to secure his first appearance in the semi-finals of a world ranking event.

After winning two scrappy opening frames, Higgins, who accounted for James Wattana, the world No 3, in the last 16, began to display irresistible form. Higgins, 19, compiled an 84 break in the third frame, salvaged the fourth with a 59 clearance to the black after a poor safety shot from O'Sullivan, and won the fifth thanks to a run of 74.

Although Higgins attempted to play down the significance of his recent release from a contract with the Cuemasters stable, which includes Stephen Hendry, there is little doubt he feels he has benefited. "I am feeling more relaxed with my new management [Chris Williams]. I don't feel under so much pressure," Higgins, who now plays Joe Swail or Jimmy Michie in a best-of-17 frame semi-final tomorrow, said.

O'Sullivan, who had insisted that nothing could prevent him reaching the final after his defeat of Ken Doherty on Sunday, cited his own poor safety play and the "brilliant" performance from Higgins as the reasons behind only his third whitewash as a professional. "My safety was pathetic," O'Sullivan said, "but I was beaten because John played mega snooker. You can tell he's flying and I think it will take something except tional to stop him winning the title."



Higgins: irresistible

O'Sullivan, whose defeat leaves Hendry and Steve Davis as the only players from the world's top ten in the event, also expressed a determination to practise harder in the three weeks leading up to his UK championship defence at Preston next month. "Some players will take a week off after losing like that. I'll just play even more," O'Sullivan said.

Jim Wych, of Canada, has withdrawn from the UK championship because of hip, ankle and back injuries sustained in a jet-ski accident in Dubai. Wych, a former world championship quarter-finalist, has been unable to practise since the mishap. His absence gives Jimmy White a first-round walkover.

RESULT: Quarter-final: J Higgins (Scot) bt R O'Sullivan (Eng), 5-0

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FOOTBALL

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Ipswich 1 Wimbledon 1; Luton 3 Norwich 5; Arsenal 2 Portsmouth 0. Second division: Cardiff 2 Hereford 0.

Late results from Tuesday

UEFA CUP: Second round, first leg: Newcastle 3, Athletic Bilbao 2; Trabzonspor 1 Aston Villa 0; Kispest Honved (Hun) 0 Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) 2; GKS Katowice (Pol) 1 Bordeaux (Fr) 0; Sloven Bratislava (Slovakia) 2 Borussia Dortmund 1 (Ger); Dynamo Moscow (Russ) 2 Real Madrid (Sp) 2; Admira Wacker (Austria) 1 FC Cannes (Fr) 1; FC Tyrol Innsbruck (Austria) 2 Deportivo La Coruna (Sp) 0; Trelleborgs FF (Swe) 0 Lazio (It) 0; Boavista Porto (Por) 1 Napoli (It) 1; FC Kaiserslautern (Ger) 1 Odense (Den) 1; Nantes (Fr) 2 Tekstilshik Kamyshin (Russ) 0; FC Sion (Switz) 2 Marseille (Fr) 0; Maritimo (Por) 0 Juventus (It) 1.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: West Bromwich Albion 1, Sheffield United 0.

AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Northern section: Carlisle 2 Hartlepool 0; Huddersfield 3 York 0; Rotherham 1 Chesterfield 1; Wrexham 2 Mansfield 0; Rochdale 1 Wigan 0; Chester 3 Bury 0. Southern section: Plymouth 1 Exeter 3; Torquay 1 Swansea 3; Leyton Orient 5 Fulham 2; Cambridge United 1 Northampton 3; Birmingham City 3 Walsall 0.

ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP: International stage: Group B: Udinese 0 Middlesbrough 0.

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Kidderminster 2 Merthyr 0.

B & Q CUP: Semi-finals: Airdrie 3 Clydebank 1; Dunfermline 1 Dundee 2.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Boston 0 Boston Utd 0; Chorley 1 Morecambe 4; Frickley 1 Whitley Bay 5; Hednesford 0 Winsford 0. Postponed: Knowsley v Witton. First division: Farsley Celtic 3 Blyth Spartans 4; Fleetwood 0 Bamber Bridge 1; Mossley 1 Atherton LR 0; Netherfield 2 St Harwood Town 1; Workington 1 Warrington 2; Eastwood Town 1 Goole Town 2.

TNT GOLD CUP: Semi-finals: Coleraine 2 Glentoran 4; Crusaders 2 Linfield 1.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City 3 Southampton 4; Crystal Palace 1 West Ham 0.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Second round, first leg: Connah's Quay 0 Conwy 1; Llansantffraid 2 Mold 1; Porthmadog 3 Holywell 3; Rhyl 1 Bangor City 3. Postponed: Afan Lido v Inter Cardiff.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division (7.0): Everton 2 Leeds 1. Second division: Sheffield Wednesday 2 Barnsley 3.

PARASOL COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedfont 2 DCA Basingstoke 1; Chipstead 4 Cranleigh 1; Farnham 1 Westfield 2; Godalming and Guildford 1 Nathame 2; Horley 2 Cobham A 0; Viking Sports 1 Sandhurst 1. Postponed: Marlsham v Eton Wick.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Glossop NE 2 Chadderton 3. Second division: Oldham 1 Atherton Coll 1.

Tennents Floodlit Trophy: First round, first leg: Newcastle Tn 1 Eastwood 1; Skelmersdale 1 Sefford 2.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chippenham 1 Odd Down 1; Elmore 4 Taunton 1.

DIADORA FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley 1 Hendon 1. First division: Staines 1 Worthing 1. Second division: Thame 3 Hampton1; Windsor and Eton 1 Chalfont St Peter 2.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Dr Martens Cup: First round, first leg: RC Warwick 1 Leek Town 2.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: President's Cup: First round: Arnold Town 4 Hucknall Town 2; Denaby Utd 1 Hallam 3; Hatfield Main 0 Armthorpe Welfare 1. Lincoln Utd 2 Immingham Town 2; Maltby MW 4 Louth Utd 3; Ossett Town 3 Eccleshill Utd 1; Parkgate 1 Stocksbridge P S 4; Pickering Town 3 Liversedge 3, Yorkshire Amateurs 0 Ossett Albion 1.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Trophy: Second round: East Cornwall 2 Yeovil 1. Boodle and Donthorn Independent Cup: Second round: Bradfield 5 Wellingborough 0.

BADMINTON

CARLISLE: International: England 1 China 4 (England names first): Men: Singles: C Haughton lost to Chen Gang 10-15 8-15. Doubles: N Colmil and J Robertson lost to Liu Yong and Yu Jin Hao 12-15 6-15. Women: Singles: J Muggeridge lost to Xu Li 5-11 5-11. Doubles: Muggeridge and G Gowers bt Yao Jie and Zeng Ya Qiong 13-15 15-7 15-7. Mixed doubles: J Quinn and S Hardaker lost to Liu Yong and Li Qi 9-15 12-15

BOWLS

TWEEDHEADS: Churchill Insurance world indoor singles championship: Australian play-offs: Quarter-finals: J Rutherford bt G Sutcliffe 3-1, S Glason bt R Parrella 3-1, G Bridge bt G Richards 3-2, K Harkow bt I Innocenzi 3-1. Semi-finals: Glason bt Rutherford 3-1, Harkow bt Bridge 3-0. Final: Glason bt Harkow 3-0.

BOXING

BAY ST LOUIS, Mississippi: Super-middleweight: Roberto Duran (Pan) bt Heath Todd (US) rsc 6th rnd.

CRICKET

ADELAIDE: Sheffield Shield (first day of four): Tasmania 303-8 (M DiVenuto 82, J Cox 59) v South Australia

GOLF

GOLF FOUNDATION TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SCHOOLS: Regional qualifier round: Beeston Fields, Nottingham: 249: Toot Hill Comprehensive (M Naylor 81, W Marsh 82, R Lowe 86). 250: John Cleveland Coll. 261: Trent Coll. Best individual: D Boyes (John Cleveland Coll) 80

HOCKEY

SCHOOLS MATCH: Girls: Haileybury 0 St Edmunds, Ware 0.

POWEBOATING

LAKE WINDERMERE: Record attempts

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Glamorgan Wndrs 18 Penarth 3; Rosslyn Park 23 Cambridge University 42; Wasps 13 Oxford University 17.

TOUR MATCH: Swansea 39 Barbarians 17

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Kings Ely 42 Longwood 3; Northampton 35 Rugby 29, Hereford Cath 3 Dulwich 21. Daily Mail Under-18 Cup: Second round: Bromsgrove 18 Oakham 8; Colston's 80 Minehead 0

SHOOTING

KINGSBURY: Midland Autumn Rifle Meeting: 300 yd: 1, J G Bennett (Kidderminster) 50 10. 500yd: 1, S Robinson (Lancashire) 50.10. 600yd (15 shots): 1, J Carmichael (Bromsgrove) 75 14. Aggregate: 1, Carmichael 175.28; 2, R Brinton 175.27; 3, Robinson 174.22. Team: 1, Kidderminster 693.89; 2, Bromsgrove 680.93. Sollihull Plate 1, J S Bennett 499 68

SPEEDWAY

POOLE: International: England 68 United States 40.

TENNIS

SHEFFIELD: LTA autumn satellite tournament (GB unless stated): Men: First round: A Richardson bt G Sattery 6-1, 6-2; P Pala (Cz) bt L Milligan 6-7, 6-3, 6-3; P Hand bt M Maclagan 6-4, 3-6, 6-7; L Kirschner (Ger) bt J Rahime (SA) 7-6, 6-1. Second round: J Delgado bt G Henderson 6-4, 7-6; G Bastl (Switz) bt N Baglin 6-1, 6-3; Pala bt Richardson 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; D Skoch (Cz) bt H Capell (Ger) 6-4, 6-3; R Wassen (Holl) bt M Wyeth 6-4, 7-5; C Schaffkes (Ger) bt N Gould 6-2, 7-6; B Cowan bt C Bennett 6-7, 6-3, 6-2; Hand bt Kirschner 6-3, 7-6

PEKING: Men's tournament: First round: C van Rensburg (SA) bt H Holm (Swe) 6-7, 6-7; D Wheaton (US) S Bryan (US) 6-3, 6-2; M Petchey (GB) bt R Matuszewski (US) 6-3, 6-0. M Chang (US) bt M Rush (Aus) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; A Chang (Can) bt Xia Jiejang (China) 6-2, 6-1; A Mronz (Ger) bt Pan Bing (China) 7-6, 2-6, 6-4; D Adams (Aus) bt J Morgan (Aus) 7-6, 6-4; J Grabb (US) bt T Woodbridge (Aus) 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; B Steven (NZ) bt D Polisilov (Ukr) 6-4, 6-3; T Nydahl (Swe) bt A O'Brien (US) 7-5, 3-6, 6-3. Second round: Nydahl (Swe) bt R Leach (US) 6-4, 6-4; A Olhovskiy (Russ) bt N Pereira (Ven) 6-4, 6-2; A Chang (Can) bt Grabb 6-3, 6-4; A Jarryd (Swe) bt Wheaton 5-7, 6-3, 6-1.

LYONS: Men's tournament: First round: M Damm (Cz) 7-6, 5-7, 7-6; M Rosset (Switz) bt F Santoro (Fr) 7-6, 6-1; H Dreekmann (Ger) bt J Sanchez (Sp) 6-2m 6-3; M Washington (US) bt J Bates (GB) 6-7 (5-7) 6-2 6-4; O Dekaitre (Fr) bt J Stotenberg (Aus) 5-7, 6-3, 6-1; J Courier (US) bt G Forget (Fr) 7-6, 6-2.

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida: Men's tournament: First round: V Spadea (US) bt J Knippschild (Ger) 6-1, 6-2; T Champion (Fr) bt R Smith (Bah) 7-6, 6-4; T Guardiola (Fr) bt M Menezschinchen (It) 6-2, 7-5; C Woodruff (US) bt L Gloria (US) 6-1, 6-2. D Flach (US) bt D Courcol (Fr) 7-5, 2-6, 7-6. K Thorne (US) bt F Fontang (Fr) 6-2, 4-6, 6-0. B Barber (US) bt D Norman (Bel) 6-4, 6-1; F Vroux (Fr) bt D DiLuca (US) 6-4, 6-0. R Deppe (SA) bt M Stringari (Arg) 6-1, 6-3.

VIENNA: Men's tournament: First round: J Siemerink (Holl) bt S Dosedel (Cz) 7-6, 6-2; M Woodforde (Aus) bt C Arneris (Ger) 4-6, 6-3, 7-6. K Kucera (Slovakia) bt B Karbacher (Ger) 6-4, 6-2; M Goellner (Ger) bt R Vasek (Cz) 7-6, 6-3; A Thorns (Ger) bt W Masur (Aus) 7-6, 7-6. K Braasch (Ger) bt J Apell (Swe) 6-3, 6-2; M Stich (Ger) bt A Volkov (Russ) 6-2, 6-4; T Muster (Austria) bt A Mansdorf (Isr) 6-2, 6-2.

YACHTING

BOC CHALLENGE: Leading positions (at 09:00GMT yesterday, with miles to Cape Town): Class one: 1, Ecureuil Poitou-Charente 2 (I Auttissier, Fr) 811 miles. 2, Vendee Enterprises (J van den Heede, Fr) 2,036. 3, Ben Vio (J Provoyeur, SA) 2,038. Class two: 1, Kodak (G Soldini, It) 2,220. 2, True Blue (D Adams, Aus) 2,347. 3, Newcastle Australia (A Nebauer, Aus) 2,699: 4, Jimmoda II (N Vaughan, GB) 2,781. 5, Sky Catcher (N Rowe, GB) 3,144

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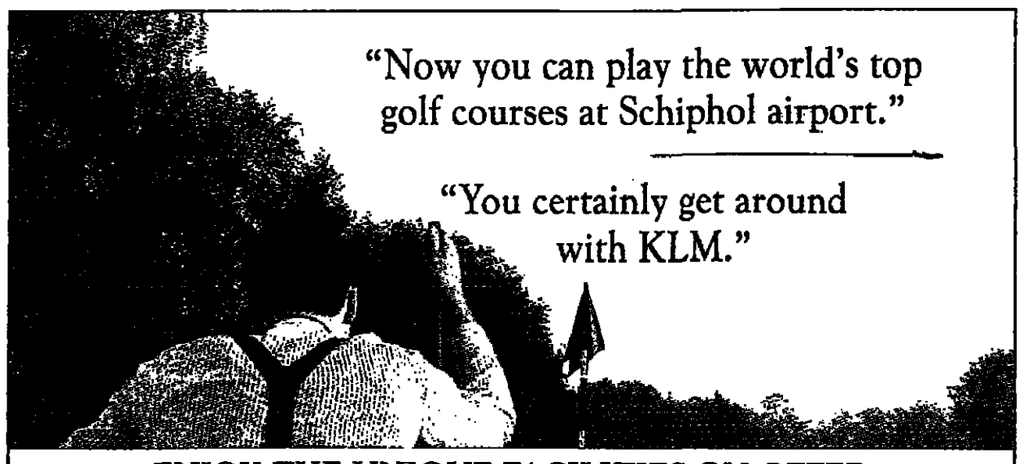
Cup Winners' Cup
Second round, first leg
Brondby v Arsenal (at Brondby Stadium, 8.0)
Chelsea v Austria Vienna (8.0)

PONTINS LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Stoke City v Aston Villa; West Bromwich Albion v Notts County. Second division: Middlesbrough v Blackpool.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Dundalk v Athlone (8.0).

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: England v China (Mansfield).
BASKETBALL: 7-Up Trophy: Leopards v London (7.0).
SNOOKER: Skoda Grand Prix (Derby).
SPEEDWAY: British League: First division: Ipswich v Belle Vue (7.30)
TENNIS: International women's championship (Brighton)



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South African tour party blazes in

Engelbrecht puts case for defence on Welsh return

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE green and gold of South African rugby blazed into Wales for the first time in 24 years yesterday and, by way of welcome, the Principality pulled on one of its wetter, greyer overcoats. As omens go for the 13-match tour — seven games in Wales, four in Scotland and two in Ireland — it was less than adequate, but Jannie Engelbrecht improved the hour.

Ever since political unification in 1992 allowed South Africa back into international competition, rugby union in the country has not lacked critics nor reasons for criticism. Engelbrecht, the team manager since 1993, adopted the shrewd and positive approach by carrying the fight to the critics.

Drugs, violence, money, nothing was off limits and in between Engelbrecht even managed to crack a joke. "We have received a fax," he said, "which says that now you are in the country it will take the pressure off the family. It was signed by the Queen." Yet Engelbrecht knows as well as anyone that proof of the pudding comes on the field from good results and attractive play.

If one of his players steps out of line, then the past will be thrown in his face and that is what South Africa are desperately trying to cast off. "Most probably there are skeletons in cupboards all over the world," he said. "We are spending millions of rands on development and one little incident can harm the image of the game to such an extent that we lose out on players and spectators."

The South African selectors have not helped their own cause by choosing to bring three players — Drikus Hattingh, Balie Swart and Elandre van der Bergh — who had tested positive for drugs during their sporting careers. In addition, Hattingh and van der Bergh have been involved in incidents of violence that have reverberated round the world.

"The team which arrives here has been tested and they are clean," Engelbrecht said. "Our hosts can test the players any time they like. It's not a matter of what has happened in the past, it's what we have done about it." South Africa has upgraded its drug-testing programme to match that found elsewhere in rugby and it can also claim an improved record on violence, Engelbrecht quoting the prompt dismissal of Johan le Roux during the summer tour of New Zealand and the dropping of James Small after an off-the-field incident.

"We know about van der Bergh, we know about Richard Loe and the players who were sent off in New Zealand's provincial final," Engelbrecht said. "We are adamant that we will stamp out dirty play, but we can't live in the past."

It is Engelbrecht's misfortune and that of Kitch Christie, his coach, that South Africa are still trying to knit a team together in time for next year's World Cup. Since 1992, 46 players have made international debuts, 13 of them this year, and more than 70 players have appeared in South African national squads. This argues either tremendous strength and depth (which there is) or a hugely erratic selection policy.

Christie, appointed in August, has the two recent internationals played against Argentina and those against Wales and Scotland in which to establish a World Cup-winning team; South Africa expects no less. "To try and put a side together in eight months to have a go for the World Cup is an ambulance job for coaches," he said ruefully.

"An unbeaten tour is not a prerequisite. We are looking for the nucleus of a side which, at this stage, we don't have, about 13 top-class players." One of them will be Francois Pienaar, the captain, who will miss the first two tour games because of an eye injury and who relinquishes the leadership against Cardiff on Saturday to Rudolph Straeuli, still fondly remembered in Penarth for the effective 1985-86 season he played there.

"For this tour we must use the experience we gained in New Zealand, where playing conditions were much the same," Pienaar said. "We want to establish a game plan and a pattern and impose our authority as a team."

TEAM (to play Cardiff on Saturday): Joubert; Williams, Venter, Muller, Badenhorst; Stransky, van der Westhuizen; Swart, Schmidt, I Hattingh, Kruger, Andrews, D Hattingh, Straeuli (captain), Teichmann. Replacements: H le Roux, Johnson, Dalton, du Randt, van der Bergh.

TOUR DETAILS

SQUAD: Full backs: G Johnson (Transvaal), A Joubert (Natal) Wings: C Williams (Western Province — WP), P Hendriks (Transvaal), C Badenhorst (Orange Free State — OFS), J Olivier (Northern Transvaal — NT). Centres: P Muller (Natal), B Venter (OFS), T Linee (WP), J Mulder (Transvaal) Stand-off halves: J Stransky (WP), H le Roux (Transvaal). Scrum halves: J van der Westhuizen (NT), K Putt (Natal). Tight-head props: O du Randt (OFS) B Swart (Transvaal). Hookers: U Schmidt (Transvaal), J Dalton (Transvaal) Loose-head props: T Laubscher (WP), I Hattingh (Transvaal) Locks: M Andrews (Natal), K Wiese (Transvaal), D Hattingh (NT), P Schutte (Transvaal). Flankers: F Pienaar (Transvaal, captain), R Kruger (NT), R Straeuli (Transvaal), E van der Bergh (Eastern Provinces). No 8s: T Strauss (WP), G Teichmann (Natal)

ITINERARY: Oct 22: Cardiff; 26: Wales A (Newport); 29: Llanelli. Nov 2: Neath, 5: Swansea; 8: Scotland A (Melrose), 12: Scottish Districts (Glasgow) 15: Scotland Development XV (Aberdeen); 19: Scotland, 22: Pontypridd, 26: Wales, 29: Combined Irish Provinces (Belfast) Dec 3: Barbarians (Dublin)

HUW EVANS



Pienaar, South Africa's captain, who misses the game at Cardiff with an eye injury

Hastings backs summer rugby

TWO days after the Scottish Rugby Union announced his reappointment as national captain, Gavin Hastings yesterday launched his autobiography, *High Balls and Happy Hours*, published by Mainstream and written in co-operation with Clem Thomas (Alan Lorimer writes).

Hastings wastes no time in setting a radical agenda. He suggests in his opening chapter that rugby in Britain should be a summer sport. "Where and in what conditions would you prefer to play rugby?" he asks. "In Pretoria or Jo'burg where there is no rain and the ground is firm or in Scotland and Wales ... on a dirty, horrible, wet, cold night under artificial lights?"

As with his views on other controversial areas in the game, he is unambiguous about the subject of professionalism. "It is my belief that the game will shortly be professional, not only at the highest level of international rugby but also at the club level in England and Wales and to a lesser extent in Ireland," he says.

Fulton keen to repair Australia's Wembley record

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

AUSTRALIA know what it is to lose at Wembley. Yesterday they inflicted upon themselves a recording of the carnival scenes that greeted the Great Britain rugby league team's win there in 1990 — a video to make them wince.

"There were English blokes doing handstands, walking on their hands, cuddling teddy bears," said Bobby Fulton, recalling one of the few disheartening moments in his four-year tenure as Australia coach.

The inference was clear. The memory, which lingers even after the 1992 World Cup final success, can be expunged in the first international at Wembley on Saturday.

Fulton persisted yesterday with his attempts to psyche out Great Britain as well as psyche up his own players. He refused to revise his unprecedented decision to name Allan Langer and Ricky Stuart at scrum half in an attempt to muddle Ellery Hanley's tactical preparations.

"The players themselves know, the team does, the media don't and Britain don't," Fulton said. "It doesn't affect our preparation, so it's up to them to guess. Whoever plays, different tactics are required to combat a Langer or Stuart. Choosing between them was the toughest decision I have ever had to make as a coach."

Significantly, Fulton is happier about his preparations than he was before the first international four years ago. "The form on this tour going into Wembley is a fair bit better. We have a different style of play but individually and collectively we are improved, although we have been forced into it. That's because we found the sides we have met so far are better than in 1990."

Australia may have to resist the temptation to play expansively in the three internationals, though. "Even though we throw the ball around more and do some things we didn't do in 1990, it doesn't automatically mean it's on every time," Fulton said. "The fact is that you have to have the balance."

Wendell Sailor, 20, the most exciting discovery of the tour, was surprised at his inclusion in the starting line-up for Wembley. This marks a meteoric rise for the Brisbane Broncos winger from reserve grade rugby to the world's most powerful rugby league side in six months.

His balanced, speedy running and sound defence has already proved a match for Martin Offiah, his opposite number on Saturday.

"In the Wigan match, two weeks ago, he got on the outside of me and I managed to cut him down," Sailor said. "For me that was a telling point. He contrived to go through the middle but not down my wing."

☐ Scott Quinnell, the former Wales rugby union player, will make his home debut at Wigan tonight in a reserve team game against Hull.

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Bruno hopes for fourth world title challenge

Srikumar Sen in Hong Kong finds a British boxer looking forward to a rosy future

FRANK Bruno could be boxing for the world heavyweight title for the fourth time next spring, Bob Arum, the American promoter, said yesterday.

Arum, who is staging the event in Hong Kong that features Bruno against Ray Mercer, of the United States, and Herbie Hide, from Norwich, the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) heavyweight champion, against Tommy Morrison, of the United States, said the winners would meet in England in April. The venue had not been decided, but Arum hoped to hold the bout at a football ground.

Bruno had said on Tuesday that he would challenge Hide only if he was paid more than the champion, because he was better known. Hide said yesterday that he had no objection to Bruno receiving more than him so long as he in turn was adequately paid for his efforts.

If the two were to meet, Bruno would be the favourite, since he is the harder puncher. If Bruno won the WBO championship, he would then be given a chance to meet Riddick Bowe.

Bruno's one-round victory over Jesse Ferguson in March, after he had lost to Lennox Lewis when challenging for the World Boxing Council (WBC) title, caused him to lose some of his popularity amongst British boxing followers, who had grown tired of him beating up specially-picked opponents and being beaten up himself on the big occasions.

However, Bruno and his promoter and adviser, Mickey Duff, believe that if he can beat Mercer spectacularly, even if the American is not highly regarded in the United States, the victory could revive much of his lost popularity.

"After the Ferguson fight, I had nowhere to go and you press guys knocked me for the fight," Bruno said. "You can't knock me if I do a good job on Ray Mercer. This is a good challenge for me. If I do a number on him, I will move up in the ratings."

Duff believes that Bruno will not only be WBC champion but could also, given the right moment, lift the World Boxing Association (WBA) and International Boxing Federation (IBF) championships as well: "Wins over Mercer and Hide would give him a true claim for a real world title fight with Bowe or Moorer," Duff said.



Bruno: confident

According to Duff, the bout with Mercer would either make or break Bruno: "Only one of two things will happen on Saturday," he said. "People will say 'Give him another chance to fight for the world title' or 'Why don't you retire'."

If he loses to Mercer, he will, I am sure, retire. If Bruno wins, he could go on to bigger things and become the world champion, especially when you think that he almost knocked out Mike Tyson and almost outpointed Lewis and Tim Witherspoon.

Duff admits the Ferguson bout had cost Bruno some popularity — "Yes, he lost friends after the Ferguson fight because he did an amateur mugging job on Ferguson. If he'd done a clean clinical job in the fourth round instead of the first, everyone would have been happy" — but he believes Bruno's standing in the world of heavyweights is still high: "He has looked after himself and he's become smarter and more experienced. He knows his way round the ring better. Though I'm not saying he has learned to survive when hit."

Even though Duff admits that Bruno will probably never master the techniques of going down on one knee when struck a blow on the chin, he feels he can finally realise his ambition to become a world champion. In a world of sub-standard heavyweights, his chances can never have been better.

RADIO CHOICE

New tune for Beethoven

Fast Coach from Gneixendorf. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

It may well be true, as the old maxim has it, that there is nothing new under the sun. But there are *times* — and the broadcast of Jo Anderson's play this afternoon is one of them — when something happens on BBC radio I swear I have never heard before — Beethoven breaking wind. Not just once, either. And not only that. The contents of his chamber pot are emptied (admittedly not by him but by his old nurse) over the head of a passing music critic. These are biographical facts I have been unable to find in Grove, though I do not suppose they can authoritatively be disproved. Anderson catches the musical lion (played by John Carlisle) in his dying days, but still roaring. Jonathan Moore plays his estranged nephew, Carl.

Live from Covent Garden: Das Rheingold. *Radio 3, 7.00pm.*

This is one of those Radio 3 nights that are heaven for some, hell for others, depending on how you feel about Wagner. If you are addicted, then let me tell you what you can expect tonight. For starters, there is Bernard Haitink in the orchestra pit. There is John Tomlinson as Wotan, Eldebrand Wlaschiha as Alberich, and Rita Cullis as Freia. On radio, of course, you will not see the controversial costumes that provoked first-night boos. In *Die Walkure* on Radio 3 on Saturday night, Deborah Polaski will make her Covent Garden debut as Brünnhilde, with Poul Elming as Siegmund and Jane Henschel as Fricka, another Covent Garden debut.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo with guest Jackie Collins **12.00** Emma Freud, incl at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Mark Goodier, incl at **3.45** Superman: Doomsday and Beyond **4.00** Claire Sturgess, including at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session, presented by Jo Whiley and Steve Lamacq **9.00** Kennedy — NYC: More from Radio 1's magazine show from the United States hosted by Kennedy **10.00** Mark Radcliffe with comedy and conversation **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan, incl at **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young with the Rt Rev David Jenkins, former Bishop of Durham **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** Paul Heiney **7.00** The News Huddlines **7.30** Country Club: presented by Tom T. Hall and featuring Tammy Wynette and George Jones **9.00** Paul Jones with a selection of rhythm and blues **9.45** Gospel Train **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden, incl at **1.30** Pause for Thought **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, *incl at 6.55 and* **7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, incl at **9.40** Film Review; **10.35** Europe News; **11.15** Gut Reaction **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Rescue on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.35** The Thursday Match: The second round of the European Cup Winners' Cup. Brondby v Arsenal and Chelsea v Austria Vienna **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, incl at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** Night Moves *2.00-5.00* Up All Night

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air: with Andrew McGregor. Martucci (Nocturne, Op 70 No 1); Mozart (Adagio and Allegro in F minor); **7.40** *Quartet Collection*: Kodály Quartet. Haydn (String Quartet in E, Op 2 No 2); Chopin arr Glazunow/Meisky (Etude in C sharp minor, Op 25 No 7); Poulenc (Timor et tremor; Vinea mea electa); Mendelssohn (Piano Concerto No 1 in G minor)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Arnold (String Quartet No 2, Op 118; Symphonies Nos 7 and 8, excerpts)
10.00 Musical Encounters: with Chris de Souza. Barber (Adagio for Strings); **10.15** *Artists of the Week*: Domus. Mozart (Piano Quartet in E flat); Bruch (Symphony No 3 in E, Op 51); Bartók (Rhapsody No 2); Maurice Johnstone (Tam Howe)
12.00 Ensemble: A recital by Anna Noakes, flute, and Kathron Sturrock, piano (r)
1.00pm Bournemouth Sinfonietta: director Richard Studt, violin; David Titterington, organ. Handel (Overture: Rodelinda, Regina de'Longobardi); Joseph Seger (Prelude and fugue for organ in C minor); Mozart (Andante für eine Watze in eine kleine Orgel in F); Knecht (Organ Sonata in C); Arne (Concerto No 4 in B flat); J.C. Bach (Sinfonia in E flat, Op 9 No 2) (r)
2.00 Schools: Radio Q and A (r) **2.05** In the News **2.25** Something to Think About: Infant Assemblies **2.40** Music Workshop: Sherlock Holmes and the Rogues' Gallery
3.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier. Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano; Valerie Hartmann-Claverie, ondes martenot. Messiaen (Turangalila Symphony)
4.15 Allan: John Lenehan, piano. (Etude in B, Op 35 No 11; Sonatina in A minor, Op 61; Etude in G flat; Op 35 No 10; Etude in F, Op 35 No 5)
5.00 The Music Machine: Debbie Wiseman puts the finishing touches to her score for the film *Mary's House*, and assembles the musicians for the final recording session
5.15 In Tune: with David Owen Norris from Birmingham. Mozart (Piano Sonata in A minor); Beethoven (Sextet in E flat, Op 81b)
7.00 Live from Covent Garden: Das Rheingold. See Choice
10.00 The Creation of New Ideals: The ninth of ten short talks on defining moments in German Romanticism. Professor Christopher Frayling discusses the passion for the art of darkness with Sarah O'Brien Twohig
10.15 The Guitar in Jazz (r)
10.45 Night Waves: A look at a touring production of *The Man of Mode*, directed by Max Stafford Clark; and Humphrey Carpenter reviews the Royal Shakespeare Company's year as the latest production opens in Stratford
11.30-12.30am Voices: A whirlwind dash through the world of dance
1.00-2.00 Night School: Let's Make a Story **1.30** Music Box

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl half-hourly News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day, with Inderjit Singh **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts: With John Waite (r)
9.30 Opinion: Sheila McLean, professor of medical law and ethics, says that modern fertility techniques are putting women at risk
10.00 News; Beau Geste (FM only): Part two of P.C. Wren's Foreign Legion adventure
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Paradise Lost (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray
11.30 *From Our Own Correspondent*
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Curious Cooks: At the Birmingham College of Food with Camellia Panjabi and regulars Nigel Slater and Clarissa Dickson-Wright **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Fast Coach from Gneixendorf: See Choice
3.00 *Anderson Country*, with Gerry Anderson
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Paul Allen considers a burst of theatrical archaeology on stage this week
4.45 Short Story: The Prince Consort, by Anthony Hope
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Jeremy Hardy Speaks to the Nation: Written by and starring Jeremy Hardy, with Debbie Isitt and Gordon Kennedy
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Document: What happened to the material uncovered by historians when they examined 400 tons of Nazi files, seized in 1945? (6/6)
8.00 Analysis: A look at the rise of independent regulatory bodies
8.45 Powerful Substances: A new series of six programmes mixing music, poetry, interviews and archive material. Diamond expert Timothy Green considers the future security of the diamond industry
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Ted Harrison presents the programme for listeners with disabilities
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Los Angeles without a Map. Shaun Prendegast reads the second part of Richard Rayner's novel
11.00 21st-Century Blues: Last of a six-part series by Steve Walker. Donald Pleasance is Chaff, a stylite and chronicler who is at last obliged to save the world from despotism and death by cloric sameness. With Nicholas Boulton and David Jarvis
11.30 This Happy Breed (FM): Jennifer Holden meets men who live or work together (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00-12.43am News incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST: **5.30am** BBC English **5.45** Fruhmagazin **6.00** Newshour **7.00** Morgenmagazin **7.30** Europe Today **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf: *Portrait of Turkey* **8.30** Network UK **9.00** News **9.10** Faith **9.15** Good Books **9.30** John Peel **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** From Our Own Correspondent **10.30** Farming World **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.01** Assignment **11.30** Litmus Test **12.00** Newsdesk **12.15pm** BBC English **12.45** Mittagsmagazin **1.00** News **1.10** Faith **1.15** Multitrack: X-Press **1.45** Sport **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: *Portrait of Turkey* **3.45** Learning World **4.00** News **4.15** Greenfield Collection **5.00** News **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** News **6.05** Business **6.15** BBC English **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Heute Aktuell **8.00** Kaleidoscope **9.00** News **9.10** Faith **9.15** World Today **9.30** Europe Today **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.05** Business **11.15** Network UK **11.45** Sport **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Litmus Test **1.00** News **1.15** Music Review **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** On the Move **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Death Comes Staccato **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Faith **5.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Handel (Organ Concerto in D minor) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** The Travel Guide **8.00** Evening Concert: Berlioz (Overture: Benvenuto Cellini); Ravel (Bolero); Mozart (Clarinet Concerto); Brahms (Symphony No 4) **10.00** Michael Meppin **1.00am** Robert Booth

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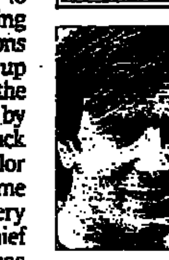
6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Nick Abbot **10.00** N.J. Williams **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyte

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A new private eye between the old lines

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

For a fleeting moment there was confusion as Neil Pearson, the thinking woman's basic instinct, strode purposefully across the sunny hotel terrace. "This is the private sector, he explained, "you get the most expensive car and drive straight to the most expensive restaurant — it's called expenses." Enter surely Henry Davenport, his entertaining mucker from *Drop the Dead Donkey*, muttering something caustic about not teaching your grandmother to suck eggs. But no.

Enter instead Harry Naylor, his terminally edgy subordinate, muttering something worried about what the editor will think when he sees a claim for a car with air-conditioning but no roof. They're called convertibles, Harry. **Between the Lines** (BBC1) was back, albeit having undergone the sort of regeneration more familiar to *Dr Who* fans. In short, the BBC's award-winning police show has returned as a private detective series.

The switch is a brave move, but on the basis of last night's promising first episode Tony Clark and co will more than get away with it. Finding errant kiss-and-tellers for *The Sun* may not be quite the public service that unearthing bent coppers for the Complaints Investigation Bureau was, but it does have the same convincing realism that characterised the first two series.

For viewers new to the programme there was much to catch up with. Too much perhaps, in the light of the episode's early stages that occasionally rivalled *Taggart* in their complexity. Tony Clark, played by Pearson, has been forced out of both the CIB and the Metropolitan Police for having failed to provide a convincing explanation as to how he finished the last series covered in blood, holding a recently discharged gun and sitting next to someone recently deceased.

What they didn't bother to mention in last night's rolling résumé was that one of the reasons Clark had difficulty in coming up with the explanation was that the fatal shot was in fact fired by Naylor, a man for whom bad luck is second nature. But with Naylor seemingly destined to become Clark's private sector sidekick very shortly (smacking your chief superintendent in the mouth has never been the shrewdest of career moves) perhaps they'll get round to that next week. Always good to know where the loyalties lie.

Which will be far from easy with the third member of the new triumvirate. Proof that even the acclaimed scriptwriters of *Between the Lines* resort to formula occasionally, they've brought back John Deakin, the former head of the CIB and a man who made Clark's life miserable for many an episode, as the fixer who comes up with the jobs. A complicated concept, but think of *Charlie's Angels* and a malevolent version of Bosley and you won't be far off. One or two other wobbly bits marred the otherwise impressive return. The trip to Tunisia smacked a little of exotic locations for the sake of exotic locations, a bit of sun, sea and flirting practice for a romantic lead currently without a romance. Nor, I imagine, will the series by able to rely on many scenes of the emotional intensity of last night's, when Naylor, played by the excellent Tom Georgeson, returned home early to find his terminally-ill wife in the process of committing suicide. Surely his luck's got to change one day?

Up in Newcastle there's no sign of Kevin Keegan's luck changing, as **Counter Culture** (Channel 4), a series that set out to prove that we are indeed a nation of shopkeepers, made clear. Turnover at the St James's Park club shop have gone from £250,000 18 months ago to £2 million this year. Seems the Newcastle fans just can't get enough of replica kits. "I scored at St James's Park" knickers and magpie-covered romper suits.

Hazel Hebron, who performs the Keegan role within the shop, offered one explanation. "We get more customers in when they win than when they don't win." Newcastle haven't lost this season. Still, Athletic Bilbao's second goal on Tuesday night must have been a nasty moment for the profit forecasts.

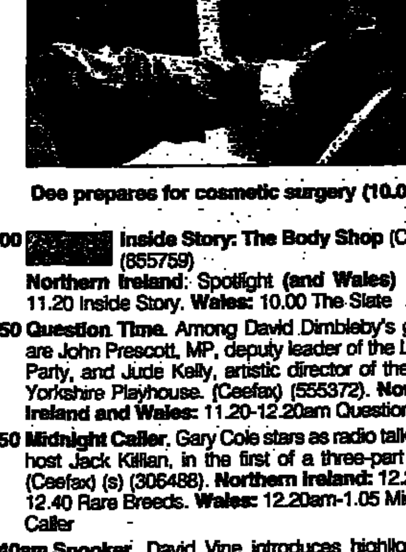
They take their football seriously. "It's like a religion," explained one fan. Gary Johnstone's film adopted a suitably reverential tone, with sunrise over the Tyne, the hallowed turf getting its pre-match trim and a soundtrack of Gregorian chant. Surely Gregeordian would have been better.

It might also go down well in **The Wanderer** (Sky One), where Geordie is one of the few accents yet to feature in this European co-production. I hesitate to describe the plot, but basically it revolves around two brothers — one good, one very bad — who used to be medieval knights, but who are now reborn and stalk mittel-Europe armed with some extraordinary powers and a portable morphing machine. Both brothers are played by played by Bryan Brown, which presents something of a critical challenge in that Brown is rather dull as Adam, the good brother, and very funny, as Zachary, the bad one.

Humour is what rescues this series and it is at its best when Tony Haygarth is around to give us his Godbold, self-styled man of God, hermit of Leeds and author of *Holiness is Not Necessarily Fattening*. In his absence from last night's diverting tale of how Adam caught up with an old flame after 900 years, the best line belonged to Zachary, after turning his nose up at a distinctly charred breakfast prepared by his immortally petulant and beautiful companion, Beatrice. "When was the last time I burnt something?" she moaned. "London, 1666".

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (53933)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (34312117)
9.05 Kilroy. Topical discussion (3243038)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (*1014556*) ***10.05 Good Morning . . . With Anne and Nick***: Including at **11.00 News** (s) (15206827)
12.00 News, regional news and weather (1063020) **12.05pm Pebble Mill**. Alan Titchmarsh talks to Dirk Bogarde and Margi Clarke (s) (3477933) **12.55 Regional news** (26044391)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) (64488)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (89556136)
1.50 Mary Berry's Ultimate Cakes. On the menu today are cakes, biscuits and cheesecake with oranges, lemons and limes (s) (45334136)
2.00 Miss-Takes. John Pitman examines the pitfalls encountered by television reporters when making a piece to camera (r) (21265020)
2.20 Racing from Newbury. Commentary on the 2.40, 3.10 and 3.40 (s) (4932001)
3.50 Children's BBC: Brum (s) (4637223) **4.05 The Animals of Farthing Wood** (r) (Ceefax) (7435223) **4.30 Pirates** (Ceefax) (s) (9531778) **4.55 Newsround** (6067310) **5.05 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (s) (9769778)
5.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (203952). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax). Weather (643)
6.30 Regional news magazines (223). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s)
7.00 Top of the Pops (Ceefax) (s) (5989)
7.30 EastEnders (Ceefax) (s) (407)
8.00 CHOICE **Children's Hospital** (Ceefax) (9407)
8.30 Waiting for God. Diana (Stephanie Cole) tries to stop Tom (Graham Crowden) from making a bungee-jump. (Ceefax) (s) (8914)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Peter Sissons (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6778)
9.30 Chef! Gareth (Lenny Henry) becomes a social worker for the day when the kitchen staff arrive for work along with their personal problems. (Ceefax) (s) (43846)

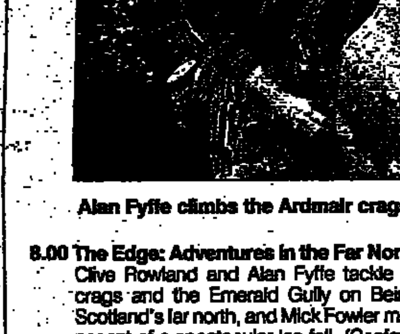


Dee prepares for cosmetic surgery (10.00pm)

10.00 CHOICE **Inside Story: The Body Shop** (Ceefax) (655759)
Northern Ireland: Spotlight **(and Wales)** 10.30-11.20 Inside Story. **Wales:** 10.00 The Slate
10.50 Question Time. Among David Dimbleby's guests are John Prescott, MP, deputy leader of the Labour Party, and Jude Kelly, artistic director of the West Yorkshire Playhouse. (Ceefax) (555372). **Northern Ireland and Wales:** 11.20-12.20am Question Time
11.50 Midnight Caller. Gary Cole stars as radio talk show host Jack Killian, in the first of a three-part story. (Ceefax) (s) (306488). **Northern Ireland:** 12.25am-12.40 Rare Breeds. **Wales:** 12.20am-1.05 Midnight Caller
12.40am Snooker. David Vine introduces highlights of the last quarter-final match in the Grand Prix from Derby (s) (4577131). **Wales:** 1.05-2.25 Snooker **1.55-2.00 Weather** (4869082)
3.00-3.30 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (53632)

BBC2

7.00am The Adventures of Buzzy Bee and Friends (r) (6879865) **7.05 Poddington Peas** (r) (6878136) **7.10 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles** (Ceefax) (r) (7431985) **7.35 Smart** (r) (7663285)
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (3425204)
8.15 Westminster Daily (5825117)
9.00 Daytime on Two: Educational programmes, including, for children **10.00-10.25** Playdays (s) (2541865)
12.30pm Working Lunch. Business news (54952)
2.00 Wishing (r) (s) (37171198)
2.10 The Battle of Dien Bien Phu (2223285)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather, followed by **Westminster Live**, including Prime Minister's Questions (Ceefax) (7097310)
4.00 Snooker. The conclusion of the Grand Prix quarter-final from Derby (s) (9376)
6.00 FILM: Son of Sinbad (1955) starring Dale Robertson as the titular hero, who is captured by the evil Khalif of Baghdad, in this *Arabian Nights* romp. Directed by Ted Tetzlaff (72556)
7.30 First Sight. On the anniversary of the shooting of PC Patrick Dunne, his brother, Ivan, joins reporter Michael Delahaye to meet those who are for and against arming the police. Followed by a phone-in debate on BBC local radio (579). **Northern Ireland:** Country Times (r); **Wales:** Wipeout; **East:** Matter of Fact; **Midlands:** Midlands Report; **North, North East** and **North West:** Close Up North; **South:** Southern Eye; **South West:** Close-Up; **West:** Close-Up West



Alan Fyffe climbs the Ardmair crags (8.00pm)

8.00 The Edge: Adventures in the Far North. Climbers Clive Rowland and Alan Fyffe tackle the Ardmair crags and the Emerald Gully on Beinn Dearg in Scotland's far north, and Mick Fowler makes the first ascent of a spectacular ice fall. (Ceefax) (s) (7049)
8.30 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson and Quentin Willson report from the 1994 British International Motor Show at the NEC in Birmingham. (Ceefax) (s) (6556)
9.00 FILM: Liberace — Behind the Music (1988) starring Victor Garber in a biographical drama of the flamboyant pianist and entertainer. Directed by David Greene. (Ceefax) (s) (5049)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (186391)
11.15 Late Review (s) (685372)
11.55 Weather (491730) **12.00 FILM: The Lady from the Shanghai Cinema** (1987) starring Antonio Fagundes and Maitê Proença in a tribute to Orson Welles's *The Lady from Shanghai*. In Portuguese with English subtitles. Directed by Guilherme De Almeida Prado (742112). Ends at **1.55am**

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CHOICE

Inside Story: The Body Shop
BBC1, 10.00pm

An investigation into cosmetic surgery uses the theme music from *Dallas* to introduce its "cast" of three patients, a plastic surgeon and a husband and wife team running a private hospital in the Midlands. With an annual turnover of £5 million the hospital clearly meets a demand. What Catharine Seddon's diverting film does not explain is where people get the money from, given that an average operation costs £2,500. Of the three about to go under the knife, Dee is having her bust reduced, Mark is in for a nose job and Janette wants a tighter tummy and thighs. Their operations are followed in blood-spurting detail. Paul Levick, the surgeon, says it all comes down to vanity but if it makes people feel better, why not?

Members Only: All the King's Men
Channel 4, 4.00pm

Ray Gosling dons 17th-century clobber and trudges through a muddy field in the first of a series on clubs and societies in the West Country. He is watching members of the English Civil War Society as they restage a 350-year-old battle on Babylon Hill, near Yeovil. Putting on his usual act of the quizzical outsider, affecting to be bemused by what he sees, Gosling suggests that it all looks rather violent. No more than a rough rugby match, he is assured. The gunpowder, however, is real and so is the blood. Grown men, and not a few women, explain why they fill their spare hours playing soldiers. Among them is Fred Palfrey, a die-hard royalist. His allegiance is strictly historical. He has little time for today's royals.



Hayley suffers from brittle bones (BBC1, 8.00pm)

Children's Hospital
BBC1, 8.00pm

A new series from Sheffield Children's Hospital has all the signs of being a simple tribute, no doubt fully deserved, to the skill and dedication of the staff. Each year some 30,000 sick and injured children arrive at the casualty department, to be whisked into specialist care. Tonight's programme features a baby boy who has gashed his cheek, a four-year-old girl awaiting a bone operation and a young epileptic. Then comes the stark reminder that no hospital can be cocooned from financial reality. Enter the new chief executive, 36-year-old Richard Jeavons. It is his first day in the job and he gives warning that there are tough decisions ahead. Somehow the hospital has to treat an extra 2,600 children this year with no extra money.

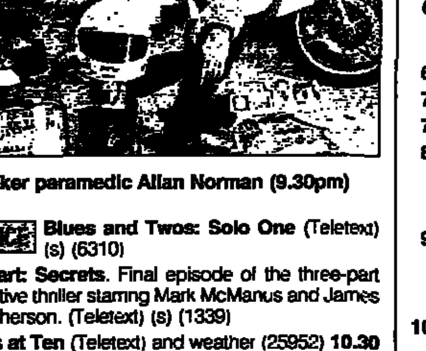
Blues and Twos: Solo One
ITV, 8.30pm

Paramedics have been much in evidence on television recently, not least in this series. Allan Norman offers a variation on the theme by speeding to *his* patients on a Honda motorcycle, a gleaming machine of 1100cc and fearsome acceleration. Among his assignments was the bomb explosion at the Israeli Embassy. The crew making this programme was able to provide television with its first news footage. Norman is also seen tending an American tourist with a head injury and a man who has fallen into the path of a Tube train. Before taking to his motorcycle, Norman worked with the London helicopter medical service and his CV is impressive: six on-the-spot cardiac operations and the delivery of five babies.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (4117952)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (9660643) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) (2528914)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place (s) (1003778)
10.35 This Morning presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan (99174914) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) (1069204)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) (8953827)
12.55 Emmerdale (r) (Teletext) (8961846)
1.25 Home and Away (Teletext) (81126117)
1.55 Vanessa. Vanessa Feltz hosts the discussion programme for women (s) (15519943)
2.25 A Country Practice (s) (53126136) **2.50 Gardeners' Diary**. John Ravenscroft plants a spring flowering border (1432136)
3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (6801865) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) (6800136)
3.30 Children's ITV: The Riddlers (4628575) **3.40 Wizadora** (s) (1612763) **3.50 Britt Allcroft's Magic Adventures of Mumfie** (s) (4622391) **4.05 Astro Farm** (Teletext) (s) (9254643) **4.20 Garfield and Friends** (r) (6323339) **4.45 Bad Influence!** (s) (9514001) **5.10 After 5** (Teletext) (9753117)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) (620778)
5.55 Your Shout. Video soapbox (253198)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (339)
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (391)
7.00 Emmerdale Seth, Ned and David set out to trap the beast of Beckindale. (Teletext) (5827)
7.30 The Big Story (s) (575)
8.00 The Bill: Taken on Trust. An unexploded bomb is discovered, but Inspector Monroe has trouble convincing the locals that they are in danger. With Colin Tarrant. (Teletext) (4575)

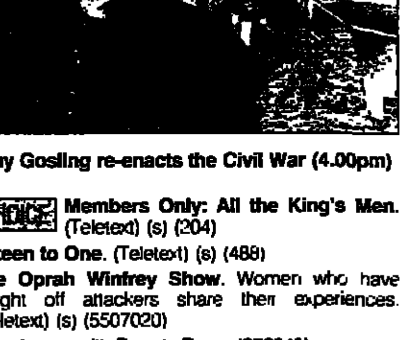


Biker paramedic Allan Norman (9.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE **Blues and Twos: Solo One** (Teletext) (s) (6310)
9.00 Taggart: Secrets. Final episode of the three-part detective thriller starring Mark McManus and James Macpherson. (Teletext) (s) (1339)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (25952) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) (683339)
10.40 Revelations. The third of a 26-part drama (s) (965339)
11.10 Big City. Entertainment guide (s) (222420)
11.40 Time Out With . . . The drag artiste and cabaret entertainer Lily Savage (s) (251914)
12.10am Street Legal. Chuck defends a corporate lawyer accused of murder (5610889)
1.10 Donahue meets a group of successful teenagers (9505518) **2.00 The Beat** (r) (s) (6271537)
2.55 Quiz Night (7114605)
3.20 The Album Show (r) (s) (3343860)
4.20 On the Live Side. A performance by the violinist Stephane Grappelli (s) (25573537)
4.30 Beyond Reality. A paraplegic's limbs begin to move of their own violition (34549)
5.00 Videofashion (r) (67228)
5.30 ITN Morning News (40402). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30am King Arthur and the Knights of Justice Cartoon adventures (37846)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (87339)
9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (41371)
9.30 Schools (999049)
12.00 House to House with Maya Even (22865)
12.30pm Sesame Street The flautist James Galway is today's guest (79488)
1.30 Lift Off. Live action and animation (48391)
2.00 FILM: The Woman in Question ((1950, b/w). An engrossing whodunit starring Jean Kent as a fairground fortune-teller whose murder leads to an unusual discovery. With Dirk Bogarde and John McCallum. Directed by Anthony Asquith. (Teletext) (412407)
3.35 Battle of Midway. An Academy award-winning film, largely shot by John Ford, depicting the American nation at war (2801932)



Ray Gosling re-enacts the Civil War (4.00pm)

4.00 CHOICE **Members Only: All the King's Men**. (Teletext) (s) (204)
4.30 Fifteen to One. (Teletext) (s) (488)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Women who have fought off attackers share their experiences. (Teletext) (s) (5507020)
5.50 Terrytoons with Deputy Dawg (276049)
6.00 Home Improvement: Up Your Alley. Tim Allen stars as the host of a television DIY programme (r). (Teletext) (s) (681)
6.30 Roseanne (r) (Teletext) (s) (933)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (721865)
7.50 Belfast Lessons (978575)
8.00 FILM: Take My Daughter Please (1988) starring Rue McClanahan of *The Golden Girls* as a widow who is determined to find husbands for her four daughters. Directed by Anthony Asquith (48413575)
9.45 The Cutter. A short film, first shown in the *Short and Curlies* strand, starring Paul Reynolds as a teenager who wants to follow in the footsteps of his father (Brian Cox) (r) (405730)
10.00 Drop the Dead Donkey: Births and Deaths. Damien (Stephen Tompkinson) receives a number of death threats (s) (23594)
10.30 Bakersfield P.D. Wade falls in love with the girlfriend of a prime murder suspect. American police comedy series with Ron Eldard and Giancarlo Esposito. (Teletext) (s) (468407)
11.05 Prostitute The final programme in the series looks at the differing lives of Monique, a mother of seven, who has given up the profession, and of Agnes, who treats prostitution as an office job. In French with English subtitles (r) (706204)
12.05am The World of Hammer Oliver Reed celebrates the urbane sophistication and unerring menace of the horror actor Christopher Lee (2267173)
12.35 Dispatches (r) (Teletext) (9063315)
1.20-3.20 FILM: Yes, Giorgio (1982) starring Luciano Pavarotti as a married opera star who falls in love with doctor Kathryn Harrold. With Eddie Albert. Directed by Franklin J. Schaffner (960841)
4.00-5.15 Schools. Picture This, 1-5 (s) (4589315)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.55pm The Young Doctors (9454339) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (1432136) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (9753117) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (948285) **10.30** Anglia News (683339) **10.40** Marquee (965339) **11.10** Phoenix (707933) **12.10am** Married with Children (1817632) **12.40** Tropical Heat (2784112) **1.40** Superstars of Wrestling (4091421) **2.20** America's Top Ten (6415353) **2.50** Police Dog (9182808) **4.00** Jobfinder (6206537) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (5110247)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55pm A Country Practice (9454339) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (1432136) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (9753117) **6.25** Central News and Weather (524198) **6.55-7.00** Life Line (746543) **11.10** A Hard Day's Night (424914) **12.45am-1.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1056131) **4.20** Jobfinder (6259957) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (8328131)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55pm Home and Away (8961848) **1.25** Emmerdale (4177372) **1.55** Vanessa (9454339) **2.20** Good Advice (4135827) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (1432136) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (9753117) **6.25** Granada Tonight (948285) **7.00-7.30** Emmerdale (5827) **10.30** Granada News (683339) **10.40** Revelations (965339) **11.10** The Good Sex Guide (222420) *11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H* (792136) **12.40am** Tropical Heat (2784112) **1.40** Superstars of Wrestling (4091421) **2.20** America's Top Ten (6415353) **2.50** Police Dog (9182808) **4.00** Jobfinder (6206537) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (5110247)

HTV WEST
As London except: 2.25pm Gardening Time (4134198) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7669323) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (9753117) **5.55** Home and Away (209136) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (948285) **10.30** HTV West Headlines and Weather (683339) **10.??** The Good Sex Guide (965339) **11.10** Movietalk (222420) **11.40** The West This Week (251914) **12.10am** Married with Children (1817632) **12.40** Tropical Heat (2784112) **1.40** Superstars of Wrestling (4091421) **2.20** America's Top Ten (6415353) **2.50** Police Dog (9182808) **4.00** Jobfinder (6206537) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (5110247)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 12.20pm-12.30 HTV News (1063204) **3.25-3.30** HTV News (6800136) **6.25-7.00** Wales Tonight (948285) **7.30-8.00** Wales This Week (575)
10.30-10.40 HTV News (683339) **11.10** A Welsh Life (222420) **11.40-12.10am** The Big Story (251914)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 1.55pm A Country Practice (9454339) **2.50-3.20**. Shortland Street (1432136) **5.10** Home and Away (9753117) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes — Crimestoppers (266682) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (339) **6.30-7.00** Time Off (391) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (683339) **10.40** The Magic and Mystery Show (965339) **11.10-12.10pm** Magnum (707933) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (67228)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.25pm-12.30 My Story (1077223) **2.25** The Sullivans (4134198) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9753117) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (33469) **10.40** Westcountry Focus: Fair's Fair (965339) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (522812) **12.05am** Coach (8908808) **12.40** Tropical Heat (4151599) **1.35** Cue the Music (4841686) **1.40** Superstars of Wrestling (4091421) **2.20** America's Top Ten (6415353) **2.50** Police Dog (9182808) **4.00-5.30** Jobfinder (78792)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (9454339) **2.50-3.20** The Young Doctors (1432136) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9753117) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (988778) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (391) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (683339) **10.40** Edit V (179001) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (572317) **12.20am** The Day the Earth Caught Fire (124792) **2.05** America's Top Ten (6486841) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6550709) **3.05** The Sellout (2876044) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (19334)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (87339) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (41371) **9.30** Ysgolion/schools (999049) **12.00pm** House to House (22865) **12.30** Slot Meithrin Ffwrdd A Ni (49026) **1.00** Hullabaloo (57136) **1.30** For Love or Money (70117) **2.30** Flashback (63407) **3.30** Rock Lake. Mind Your Own Business Mum! (3393353) **4.20** Deputy Dawg (7506594) **4.30** The Cosby Show You Can Go Home Again (488) **5.00** 5 Pump — Noc Noc (6933) **5.30** Fifteen to One (440) **6.00** Newyddion 6/ News (638407) **6.20** Hero (981136) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (3469) **7.30** Noson Lawen (27049) **8.30** Newyddion/news (4952) **9.00** Pobl Y Chyll (9498) **9.30** Paris L' Infame (36556) **10.00** Drop the Dead Donkey (23594) **10.30** Alan Bleasdale Presents: Blood on the Dole (44668317) **12.15am** The Wasted Windfall (448402)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (33146038) **8.40** Cartoons (8515469) **9.30** Card Sharks (9243656) **9.55** Concentration (9251575) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (2907914) **10.30** New Candid Camera (86223) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (97730) **12.00** Urban Peasant (57575) **12.30pm** E Street (74730) **1.00** Falcon Crest (79285) **2.00** Hart To Hart (70675) **3.00** Class Of '96 (9355594) **3.50** DJ Kat (3444778) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (4730) **6.00** Gamesworld (1353) **6.30** Spellbound (4223) **7.00** E Street (2759) **7.30** M*A*S*H (1597) **8.00** Sightings (14372) **9.00** LA Law (34136) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (37223) **11.00** David Letterman (984391) **11.45** Booker (870117) **12.45** Barney Miller (10841) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (40082)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1045285) **9.30** Tourism in India (78556) **10.30** Nightline (84865) **1.30** CBS This Morning (71643) **2.00** News at Two (9285) **2.30** Parliament (39010) **4.00** News and Business (32109) **6.05** Littlejohn (859827) **9.30** Worldwide (92136) (35865) **11.30** CBS News (86372) **12.00** News (98745) **12.30am** ABC News (76353) **1.10** Littlejohn (1867353) **2.10** News (5151402) **2.30** Parliament (29976) **4.30** CBS News (18624) **5.00** News (98112) **5.30** ABC News (48204)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (2433952) **10.00 Crimes of Passion: Victim of Love** (1993): Thriller (67456223) **11.40 Harry Sundown** (1967): Drama (71030778) **2.00pm American Anthem** (1986): Sports drama (28575) **4.00 Crack in the World** (1965). Sci-fi (35017827) **5.55 Crimes of Passion: Victim of Love**: as 10am (56548594) **7.30 E! News Week in Review**: (5575) **8.00 The Last of the Mohicans** (1992): Romance (10556) **10.00 Boomerang** (1992): Comedy (19339) **12.00 Naked Lunch** (1992): Cult drama (311266) **1.55am Through the Eyes of a Killer** (1993): Thriller (7941353) **3.25 Wife, Mother, Murderer** (1991). Thriller (86646179)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Sea Wolves (1980): Comic adventure (23925) **8.00-12.00 Giant** (1956): Drama (9432001)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Yogi Bear and the Magic Flight of the Spruce Goose (37681) **8.00 The Magic Riddle** (1991). Animated fairytale (69469) **10.00 Danny the Champion of the World** (1991): Adventure (83488) **12.00 Quebec** (1951): Drama (75020) **2.00pm The Captive City** (1952): Thriller (26117) **4.00 The Magic Riddle**. as 8am (7204) **6.00 Shattered Family** (1993): Melodrama (39881) **8.00 The Distinguished Gentleman** (1992): Comedy (18198) **10.00 Gas, Food, Lodging** (1992): Drama (468198) **11.45 The Lover** (1992): Erotic drama (601136) **1.40am Falling from Grace** (1991): Drama (583082) **3.20 Ladykiller** (1992): Thriller (52715063)

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SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (6546049) **7.15** WWF Challenge (446049) **8.15** Soccer (7829036) **8.30** Drag Racing (46556) **9.00** Extreme (60136) **9.30** Aerobics (96049) **10.00** Rugby Club (51952) **11.00** Get Your Handicap Down (40223) **11.30** Windsurfing Tour (41952) **12.00** Aerobics (40372) **12.30pm** NBA Exhibition Match (91662) **2.30** Rugby Club (45285) **3.30** ATP Tennis Magazine (3759) **4.00** Watersports (31575) **5.00** WWF All American (6730) **6.00** Soccer News (341952) **6.15** Sports Classics (346407) **6.30** Rugby Union (6223) **7.00** European Cup Winners' Cup Football: Chelsea v FK Austria (23471117) **10.15** Soccer News (830662) **10.30** Soltvam Cup Preview (81001) **11.30** A to Z of Sport (96372) **12.30am-2.30** Football: Chelsea v FK Austria (58957)

EUROSPORT
8.30am Step Aerobics (64952) **9.00** Equestrianism (55827) **10.00** Rhythmic Gymnastics (46020) **11.00** Dancing (33556) **12.00** Formula One (64440) **1.00pm** Motors (80488) **2.00** Tennis (114402) **4.30** Eurofun (96933) **5.30** Triathlon (88488) **6.30** Superbike (48372) **7.30** Eurosport News (7575) **8.00** Wrestling (76136) **9.00** Combat Sports (56372) **10.00** Football (59643) **11.30** Football (36049) **1.00-1.30** Eurosport (57995)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Destinations (5548575) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (5705846) **1.00** Cruising (4919056) **1.30** Hawaii Cooks (5704117) **2.00** American Adventurer (5062488) **2.30** Cooking in America (6097952) **3.00** Video Trips (6094223) **3.30** Mansions (6076469) **4.00** Cruising the Globe (6088204) **4.30** Kids Down Under (6084488) **5.00** Hawaii Cooks (5068440) **5.30** Pierre Franey's Cooking (6068440) **6.00** Video Trips (6098681) **6.30** American Adventurer (6069933) **7.00** Destinations (5086204) **7.30** Around the World (6065117) **8.00** Travel Guide (4033049) **9.00** Round Trip (9424223) **9.30** Pierre Franey (5718310) **10.00** Alaska Video Postcards (5549204) **10.30** Destinations (5558952) **11.00** Hawaii Cooks (9496440) **11.30-12.00** Mansions (8713488)



James Dean strikes oil in *Giant* (Sky Movies Gold, 8.00pm)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (5545488) **8.30** Peyton Place (5544759) **9.00** As the World Turns (2732778) **10.00** Guiding Light (2919876) **11.00-12.30** Another World (6500952)

TLC
9.00am Art of Flowers (7822285) **9.30** High Days and Holidays (1182488) **10.00** Parents Talking (4563846) **10.30** Birth (1073643) **11.30** Who Cares Wins (5375556) **12.00** Giant Step (7642049) **12.30pm** Cash in Hand (1186204) **1.00** High days (5080339) **1.30** Art of Flowers (1185575) **2.00** Draw with Don (39179552) **2.15** Extra Dimensions (4950204) **3.00** Successful Home Video (1464391) **3.30-4.00** Furniture (6055353)

UK GOLD
7.00am Sullivans *(8252827)* *7.30* Neighbours (8264662) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (9702204) **8.30** EastEnders (9701575) **9.00** The Bill (9792827) **9.30** Wings (5406730) **10.30** Bergerac (88090556) **11.35** Sullivans (19775020) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (9705391) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1020136) **1.00** EastEnders (8251198) **1.30** The Bill (1029407) **2.00** Robin's Nest (8815001) **2.30** Three Up, Two Down (9645285) **3.00** Knots Landing (3733136) **4.00** Dynasty (3712643) **5.00** Every Second Counts (4294575) **5.35** Top of the Pops (6768914) **5.55** Terry and June (8968020) **6.30** EastEnders (9660594) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (6930339) **8.00** Three Up, Two Down (8835865) **8.30** Robin's Nest (8814372) **9.00** Minder (6929223) **10.00** The Bill (9706020) **10.30** Top of the Pops (1080556) **11.10** Rory Bremner (4487001) **11.50** Dr Who (7882136) **12.20am** FILM: I Know Where I'm Going: Romance (6023599) **1.55-3.00** Shopping (89041570)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Ratkan III (4778681) **6.15** Bobobobs (466543) **6.45** Casper and Friends (465914) **7.15** Head to Head (6983136) **7.25** Garfield (1798001) **7.55** Saved by the Bell (61) (5898827) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (2713440) **8.40** Tilou (8927339) **8.50** Cococinel (8916223) **9.00** Droobee Time (19049) **10.00** Teddy Trucks (59681) **11.00** Kitty Cats (75933) **11.30** Barney and Friends (76662) **12.00** Ratkan III (82372) **12.30pm** Head to Head (16661681) **12.40** Garfield (4948020) **1.10** Saved by the Bell (61) (14981662) **1.40** Super Mario Brothers (54116662) **1.50** Tilou (54112846) **2.00** Babar (3285) **2.30** Blinky Bill (1556) **3.00** Tic Tac Toons (3849730) **3.10** Around the World (5285730) **3.45** Bots' Master (350317) **4.15** Head to Head (1730865) **4.30-5.00** Halfway Across the Galaxy (4020)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Toons (41575) **7.30** Grimmy (3151662) **7.45** Rugrats (843778) **8.15** Rocko (3124420) **8.30** Slimer and the Real Ghostbusters (44198) **9.00** Nick Jr (930681) **12.00** Pee Wee's Playhouse (48914) **12.30pm** Muppets (98407) **1.00** Doug (40846) **1.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (97778) **2.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (1285) **2.30** Smoggies (9556) **3.00** Slimer and the Real Ghostbusters (3020) **3.30** Carmen Sandiego (4001) **4.00** Grimmy (3136) **4.30** Rugrats (2020) **5.00** Clarissa (5865) **5.30** Doug (3372) **6.00** GUTS (3335) **6.30-7.00** Dracula (4865)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Global Family (9667407) **4.30** The Arctic (9656391) **5.00** The Orient (6837223) *5.30 New Explorers (9647643)* **6.00** Beyond 2000 (1003469) **7.00** Encyclopedia Galactica (8824759) **7.30** Mysterious World (9657020) **8.00** Bush Tucker Man (8833407) **8.30** Skybound (8812914) **9.00** Secret Weapons (3716469) **9.30** Spirit of Survival (1008914) **10.00** Realm of Darkness (8920952) **11.00** From the Horse's Mouth (3711914) **11.30-12.00** Life in the Wild (3062001)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Always a Bride (1954) Comedy (1018662) **1.30pm** The Mothers-in-Law (1014575) **2.00** thirtysomething (3081372) **3.00** My Three Sons (8823204) **3.30** Beverly Hillbillies (9642198) **4.00** FILM. The Birthday Present (1957): Drama (8823020) **6.00** Green Hornet (9664310) **6.30** I Spy (6657730) **7.30** Car 54 (9651846) **8.00** thirtysomething (6901827) **9.00** Twilight Zone (3736223) **9.30** Hogan's Heroes (1095440) **10.00-12.00** FILM. Revenge of the Nerds (1984) Comedy (3727575)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (2488204) **7.00** Living (7331402) **8.00** Treatment (7627730) **8.30** Great Expectations (7626001) **9.00** Delia Smith (7738372) **9.35** Definition (4934952) **10.00** Trivia (4558914) **10.30** Susan Powter (7646865) **11.00** Young and Restless (3541204) **11.55** The Look (2080594) **12.30** Practical Living (34764117) **12.45pm** Kilroy (4310136) **1.30** Family Affairs (1170643) **2.00** Agony Hour (4559643) **3.00** Living Magazine (4728543) **3.45** Gladrags *(46771643) 4.00 Infatuation (5700465)* **4.30** Definition (57183778) **4.55** Masterchef (3209001) **5.30** Kate and Allie (5805010) **6.00** Maternal World (8055533) **6.30** Mr and Mrs (4350925) **7.00** Living Magazine (4126223) **8.00** Young and Restless (4102643) **9.00** FILM: Why Would I Lie? Drama (4105730) **11.00** The Susan Powter Show (5364204) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation (4554198)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00am Tintin (7865) **5.30** Boogies Diner (5372) **6.00** Black Beauty (2285) **6.30** Through the Keyhole (6965) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (7001) **7.30** Mighty Jungle (2049) **8.00** Snowy River (16778) **9.00** Moonlighting (96914) **10.00** Catchphrase (83001) **10.30** GP (92579) **11.00** Lou Grant (50310) **12.00** Rhoda (74421) **12.30pm** Big Brother Jake (45421) **1.00** Catchphrase (84063) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (14792) **2.00** Moonlighting (81605) **3.00** Lou Grant (11632) **4.00** Rhoda (31063) **4.30-5.00** Mighty Jungle (72228)

MTV
6.00am Awake on the Wildside (58469) **7.30** The Grind (39827) **8.00** Wildside (21933) **9.00** VJ Ingo (56779) **12.00** Soul (13730) **1.00pm** Greatest Hits (39778) **2.00** Afternoon Mix (97643) **4.00** Sports (7594) **4.30** Coca-Cola Report (7245169) **4.45** Cinematic (6790074) **5.00** News (7968952) **5.15** Three from One (4379372) **5.30** Dial MTV (7730) **6.00** Music (17407) **8.00** Greatest Hits (5407) **8.30** Pulse (4914) **9.00** Most Wanted (65656) **10.30** Beavis and Butt-head (92597) **11.00** Coca-Cola Report (634223) **11.15** Cinematic (624846) **11.30** News (618310) **11.45** Three from One (613865) **12.00** The End? Featuring The Brothers Grunt (98150) **2.00am** Soul (83063) **3.00** Grind (73957) **3.30** Videos (161470)

VH-1
7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (5369597) **9.00** Café VH-1 (1529865) **12.00** The Bridge (r) (6455223) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (6594391) **2.30** Heart and Soul (8810681) **3.30** Into the Music (7913488) **6.00** Prime Cuts (5715223) **7.00** VH-1 For You (4026759) **8.00** VH-1 Rock (4035407) **9.00** Ten of the Best (4015643) **10.00** The Bridge (2738952) **11.30** Today's Top 5 (8715846) **12.00** The Nightfly (5054179) **2.00am** Prime Cuts (1392995) **3.00** VH-1 Rock (8507228) **4.00** Ten of the Best (8874353) **5.00** Dawn Patrol (8533792)

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (77575) **7.00** Asian Morning (10488) **8.30** Bunyaad (42010) **9.00** Movie: Hasrat (552827) **12.00** Serial Kainat (15198) **1.00pm** Hindi Movie: Geet Gara Chal (472117) **4.00** Kiddie Time (2662) **4.30-6.00** TVA and You (58440) **7.00** Forts of India (5001) **7.30** Serial. GGG (3579) **8.00** English News (1049) **8.30** Pakistan Business (4876) **9.00** Hindi Movie Mahaguru (203914) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (804686) **1.35** Sight and Sound (29959266)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 8pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme: All You Need Is Love
8.00pm The Valley of Decision (1945) (59991285) **10.15 The Clock** (1945) (52430952) **11.55 Homecoming** (1948) (95543681) **2.05am The Bride Goes Wild** (1948) (49688537) **4.00 Give Me Your Heart** (1936) (89667808)

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CNN/CMT/QVC
CNN has 24-hour news coverage, CMT has country music from 6am to 7pm, QVC is the home shopping channel

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Rothenberg given £2m bonus

Profits from World Cup reach £35m

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE United States was given the right to stage the World Cup finals because, among other things, it claimed it could do so profitably and, yesterday, it proved it. With all the accounting complete, three months after Brazil had begun celebrating their fourth triumph in the tournament, the organisers announced that USA '94 had made a profit of about $50 million (around £35 million).

At the start of 1994, Alan Rothenberg, who led the group that organised the finals, estimated there would be a profit of $20 million. The increase on that figure, he said yesterday in New York, was because security costs were lower than forecast. "We had a lot of contingencies and thank God we did not have to spend them," Rothenberg said.

Indeed, the finals have been particularly profitable for Rothenberg himself. The chief organiser of this summer's World Cup is to be paid a £2 million bonus.

"One of the things they took into account was that I certainly sacrificed a great deal on the other side," Rothenberg said. In 1992, when there were concerns about the economic viability of an American hosted World Cup, Rothenberg declined a salary and said he would accept compensation only if a surplus were generated. Several other organising officials are understood to have been paid bonuses of between £500,000 and £250,000.



Rothenberg: happy

Rothenberg was appointed by Fifa, football's governing body, to run the tournament in August 1990. With Fifa's backing, he was elected president of US Soccer, the United States' governing body, and was re-elected two months ago.

"Everyone has proclaimed that this World Cup was the greatest in history," Peter Ueberroth, the chairman of the organisers' compensation committee, said in a statement. "From a financial standpoint, the results are nothing but stunning, particularly considering the fact that the organising committee was not able to share in any of the estimated £360 million of international television and official sponsor money."

The finals, which charged up to £325 for tickets, sold between 96 and 97 per cent of its 3.65 million available tickets and grossed approximately $375 million (£250 million), Rothenberg said. That figure does not include money from the 11 official sponsors, who paid between $20-32 million each to be associated with the 1994 World Cup and the 1992 European championship. That money was split by Fifa and Uefa, the sport's governing body in Europe.

The organisers have, at present, about $60 million in cash and estimate they will have an additional $20 million in expenses, including $7.7 million in deferred and continuing salary to staff, which reached, at one stage, 418 full-time employees.

They estimate they have given about $11 million to US Soccer in cash and property, while the remaining $40 million will be given to the US Soccer Federation Foundation, which was established to benefit the sport in the United States.

The announcement did not mention the $5 million the organizers loaned to Major League Soccer, the ten-team league. Rothenberg is leading. The league, which plans to start play in April, has seven cities taking part and is scheduled to announce the rest next week.

☐ Red Star Belgrade's bid to return to international football after more than two years was delayed by Fifa yesterday. Fifa asked Red Star and Olympiakos, of Greece, not to play a planned friendly match despite a recent easing of United Nations sanctions that kept Yugoslav teams from international play for 28 months.

The decision to postpone the match angered Red Star officials and Belgrade's state-run press: "There was no reason at all for this match to be postponed," the Red Star coach, Ljubko Petrovic, said. "I'm sorry for our players and supporters who had eagerly awaited our international return."

Fifa told the Yugoslav football association in a letter that Yugoslavia's return to international soccer will have to await the body's meeting in New York on October 27.



Karl Wendlinger, who lay in a coma for more than three weeks after crashing at Monaco in May, was yesterday glad to be back behind the wheel of a Formula One car for the first time since his accident. "The wind was a bit disturbing, but physically I feel fine and it's a great feeling to be able to drive again," Wendlinger said after the first day of a two-day session of private testing with the Sauber team. The Austrian, 25, crashed during free practice for the Monaco Grand Prix just two weeks after his compatriot, Roland Ratzenberger, and Ayrton Senna were killed in crashes during the San Marino Grand Prix weekend. Wendlinger suffered severe head injuries in the accident and spent three weeks in a partly artificially-induced coma. He has said his ambition is to return to racing as soon as possible.
Photograph: Jean Paul Pelissier

Neal continues Coventry's spending spree

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STEVEN Pressley, the Scotland under-21 defender, yesterday signed for Coventry City, of the FA Carling Premiership, in a £600,000 move from Rangers. The signing brought Coventry's spending in eight weeks to £3.6 million, the amount they received from Liverpool for Phil Babb, the Ireland defender.

Pressley, who could make his debut against Arsenal at Highbury on Sunday, said: "It is a big challenge for me to move south, but I consider it a step forward in my career. Coventry are an ambitious club and I shall be playing with and against players of the highest quality every week."

Phil Neal, the Coventry manager, said: "Steve is an exciting prospect, a very determined young man who plays with passion and drive. He has the right pedigree and he was the right money."

Alan Buckley is considering an offer to take over as manager of West Bromwich Albion, the struggling Endsleigh Insurance League first division club, after talks with the Albion chairman, Tony Hale. Buckley, the Grimsby Town manager, was at The Hawthorns on Tuesday night to meet Hale before watching Albion haul themselves off the foot of the table with a 1-0 win against Sheffield United.

Hale, who dismissed Keith Burkinshaw as manager on Monday, said: "Alan is the natural candidate. He has a tremendous track record and is a man who can wheel and deal. He also plays the kind of football that we all love at Albion and that is very important to us. He is young and hungry and that is the kind of manager that we need."

Buckley, who has only just signed a new three-year contract at Grimsby, said: "There are a lot of things to consider and I intend to take them one at a time. I've approached it all with an open mind." The Grimsby board has indicated it will fight to keep Buckley.

Kevin Scott, the Tottenham Hotspur defender, has been cleared to play against Manchester City on Saturday. "It's very good news. Justice has been done," Osvaldo Ardiles, the Tottenham manager, said. Ardiles had asked the Football Association to reconsider the sending-off of Scott in the Premiership match against Queens Park Rangers on October 8.

Scott was dismissed along with Rangers' England striker, Les Ferdinand, whose three-match ban for violent conduct stands and starts this weekend. "At the time, Kevin was only acting as peacemaker, and we asked the FA to look at the incident on video," Ardiles said. The FA, in turn, asked the referee, Peter Jones, to reconsider his verdict, and he admitted the dismissal was harsh. The sending-off has now been reduced to a caution.

Scott is also now free to play in the Coca-Cola Cup third-round tie against Notts County on October 26, and the home league game against West Ham United three days later.

The English Schools' Trophy — the FA Cup of schools football — was yesterday subject of a four-year sponsorship deal with Fuji Film.

McLaren on the move

RANGERS are about to complete the signing of Heart of Midlothian's international defender, Alan McLaren (Kevin McCarra writes). The Edinburgh club's manager, Tommy McLean, and its vice-chairman, Leslie Deans, were yesterday in negotiations at the business headquarters of David Murray, the Ibrox chairman.

It is believed tht Hearts will receive £1 million plus three players: David McPherson, David Hagen and Neil Murray.

Hearts, who are burdened with an overdraft of about £3.5 million, were reluctant to accept a bid involving players as makeweights.

However, their options narrowed when the Celtic manager, Tommy Burns, was last week refused the money for a counter offer by his chief executive.

Prolific Wright afforded mark of respect by Brondby

FROM RUSSELL KEMPSON
IN COPENHAGEN

IAN Wright, as usual, is a marked man. Brondby, Arsenal's opponents in the European Cup Winners' Cup second round first leg here tonight, have already singled him out as the player to shackle if they are to progress further in the competition. Yet Wright, as usual, is unworried.

The England and Arsenal striker has scored 12 goals this season, and is enjoying the most productive spell of his three years at Highbury. He has found the target in each of his last eight appearances, including three in the 6-1 aggregate win over Omonia Nicosia, of Cyprus, in the Cup Winners' Cup first round.

If not exactly trembling, Brondby are still acutely aware of his prolific marksmanship. "If we are going to win the tie, we have got to stop Wright," Ebbe Skovdahl, the Brondby coach, said. "If he doesn't score, Arsenal will not win. It's as simple as that."

Wright has amassed 103 goals, from the 74 games in which he has scored, since his £2.5 million move from Crystal Palace in September, 1991, and has finished on the losing side, when he has scored, only four times. It has happened twice this season — in the 3-2 defeat against Newcastle United and the 2-1 reverse at the hands of Palace.

Wright has never been short of confidence, and, however Brondby try to curtail his natural talent and enthusiasm, they are likely to struggle to make it work. "I love to test myself against the best, and, when you play in Europe, you do just that," Wright said. "You are able to pit yourself against different players, different styles, and different systems.

"When I didn't score against Torino in the Cup last season, people said I was not up to it against the best defences. But I scored against Paris Saint-Germain in the semi-finals, and that gave me particular pleasure. It was the perfect response to all the critics. If I get any chances against Brondby, I know I'll score."

Without Paul Merson, left behind because of ankle ligament problems, the burden of building a first-leg lead will fall on Wright. Kevin Campbell, Merson's replacement, and Alan Smith will also be expected to share the responsibility.

Marc Rieper, Brondby's Denmark international central defender, will be entrusted with the task of frustrating them, with a solid display likely to clinch a £1 million move to Everton. Mike Walker, the beleaguered Everton manager, was expected to travel to watch the game before attempting to persaude Rieper to put pen to paper.

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, has been heartened by his side's long overdue return to form. Victories over Wimbledon and Chelsea, their fellow Cup Winners' Cup competitors, have eased the sense of gloom at Highbury after a poor start to the Premiership programme.

He knows, however, that Brondby — second in the Danish League after a 5-1 demolition of AGF Aarhus on Sunday — will prove troublesome if allowed room to manoeuvre. A typically tight, disciplined Arsenal display is of paramount importance.

"Brondby are a better side than Odense, the Danish side we beat in the Cup last season," Graham said. "They're well organised, have plenty of experience in Europe, and have some excellent individuals. No way can we take them lightly." Indeed, Brondby will not roll over easily, but Wright, given the chance or chances, is in the mood to make them rock. They know it, he knows it; tonight, Arsenal will hope for the hard evidence.

ARSENAL (probable): Seaman, Winterburn, Adams, Bould, Dixon, Parlour, Jensen, Schwarz, Campbell, Smith, Wright.





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ACROSS
3 Vehicle: the front (3)
8 Papal court (5)
9 String-provider to Theseus (7)
10 Fine silk clothing fabric (7)
11 Confess (3,2)
12 Widen (6)
14 Thin paper; organic structure (6)
15 Live in (6)
17 Counting of heads (6)
20 Asian peninsula (5)
21 Detached construction for (mil.) defence (7)
24 (Of US president) not re-elected (3-4)
25 Awry (5)
26 Spoiled; ill (3)

DOWN
1 Rabbit tail (4)
2 Ingenious (6)
3 Flower holder (4)
4 Of the nose (5)
5 Addictive agent in tobacco (8)
6 Ideal of male beauty (6)
7 Weak; unable to cope (8)
12 Rounded handle to operate latch (8)
13 Piped drink (3,5)
16 Transparent membrane of eye (6)
18 Artist's workroom (6)
19 Tiny bit of bread, comfort (5)
22 Exact; late (4)
23 — of the D'Urbervilles (*Hardy*) (4)

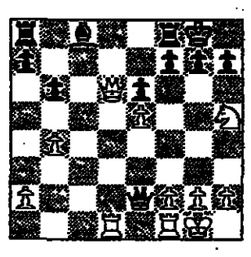
SOLUTION TO NO 296

ACROSS: 1 Word for word 8 Liver 9 Spanker 10 Halt 11 Deed poll 13 Bottom 14 Affray 17 Hay fever 19 Quip 22 Lurking 23 Order 24 Steal a march

DOWN: 1 Welsh 2 Rivulet 3 Pare 4 Russet 5 On and off 6 Dekko 7 Frilly 12 Nosedive 13 Behold 15 Rounder 16 Bengal 18 Ypres 20 Parch 21 Form

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Levenfish - Ryumin, Moscow 1936.
Black has not yet quite completed development and this gives White the opportunity for a clever combination. Can you spot it?



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By Philip Howard

PAKORA
a. A sealskin coat
b. A vegetable fritter
c. Automatic landing device

RIZA
a. Hungarian rice stew
b. A Russian village court
c. An icon frame

PUCHERO
a. A mountaineer's haversack
b. A stew
c. The loser at pelota

PARASHOT
a. A shooter at parachutists
b. A clay pigeon pattern
c. A type of silk

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